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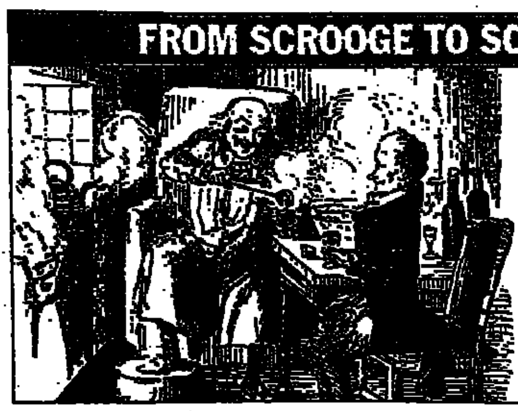

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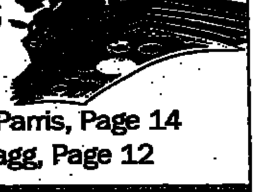

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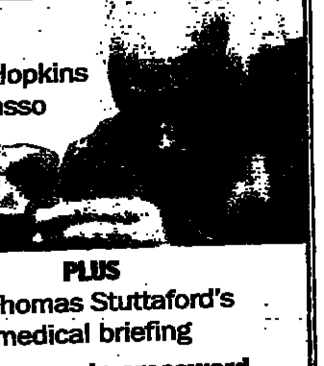

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# Car bomb spells end to loyalist ceasefire

By Nicholas Watt, Chief Ireland Correspondent

THE loyalist ceasefire appeared to be in ruins last night after a notorious republican was injured by a booby-trap car bomb in the Ardoyne area of north Belfast.

Eddie Copeland, who was named in Parliament in 1994 as an alleged IRA godfather, suffered a wound to his right leg in the explosion as he started his car outside his mother's house yesterday lunchtime. He was taken to hospital, where his condition was described as stable.

No group admitted responsibility for the attack, but it appeared to have been carried out by loyalist terrorists in retaliation for the IRA's attempt to murder two policemen in the heart of Belfast's main children's hospital on Friday night.

David Ervine, of the Progressive Unionist Party — the political wing of the Ulster Volunteer Force — voiced fears that the bomb was "potentially the beginning of a spiral" of violence.

The bomb had been planted under the driver's seat and left a 12in x 18in hole. Joe Lee, who lives next door to Mr Copeland's mother in Ladbrook Drive, ran to help after hearing a loud bang. "He was in a bad way," he said. "His leg was all open, but he was gesturing: 'I'm OK, I'm OK'."

Mr Copeland, 25, is loathed by loyalists, who refer to him as "Steady Eddie", and is a prime target for the Ulster Defence Association and the Ulster Volunteer Force, which are both active in the Shankill area near by.

In October 1993, he was shot by a soldier while attending the wake of an IRA terrorist who died in the Shankill Road bombing which killed nine Protestants. Trooper Andrew Clarke, of the 9th/12th Lancers, who was subsequently jailed for ten years for attempted murder of Mr Copeland, told police that he had opened fire because he was frustrated at seeing terrorist suspects taunting soldiers. Mr Copeland's father, John, was shot dead by troops in the same district in October, 1971.

Bobby Lavery, a Sinn Fein councillor in North Belfast, said yesterday that Mr Copeland was a well-known republican supporter. "He makes no bones about it. Because of that there are quite a few people within the so-called security forces who hate him. The people here believe that this is a result of that."

The attack came after loyalist terrorists said that they were likely to resume violence in retaliation for the IRA's shooting of two policemen guarding the Democratic Unionist Nigel Dodds as he visited his six-year-old son at the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children on Friday night.

That was the first attack on a non-military target in Northern Ireland since the end of the IRA ceasefire in February and one UDA leader from West Belfast told a Sunday newspaper: "There will definitely be a response to this. The days of loyalists getting patted on the head and told they are good boys for keeping the ceasefire are over."

But John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, condemned both attacks and said that those involved should pause for reflection. "Violence can so easily spiral out of control," he said.

Malcolm Moss, the Northern Ireland Office Minister, also expressed outrage at the violence, saying: "There is no difference between the people who used guns in a children's hospital on Friday night and those who planted the device in a man's car just a short distance away. Violence in any form is evil and it is the duty of all community leaders and anyone with influence to use their authority to stop it."

The Combined Loyalist Military Command, the umbrella group for the three main loyalist terrorist groups which declared the ceasefire in October 1994, will meet imminently to discuss tactics. The bomb yesterday may have been foretaste of a full-scale resumption of violence, or simply a warning shot to the IRA.

Dangerous months, page 2

The England batsman Nick Knight walking off after England came within one run of victory in the first Test against Zimbabwe in Bulawayo yesterday. It was the first time that the scores had finished level in a drawn match. Pages 19, 20

## Freed hostages call for siege compromise

**Lima:** Thousands of Peruvians yesterday demonstrated in support of a compromise between President Fujimori and the Marxist rebels holding more than 360 hostages in the Japanese Ambassador's residence (Gabriella Gamini writes).

Protesters, including dozens of freed hostages, demanded a peaceful solution. After marching to the residence, many promised to stage a vigil until the hostages are released.

The march seems to have been triggered by Señor Fujimori's remarks on Saturday ruling out any deal with the rebels.

Demands rejected, page 7

## Catholic Church 'will not take bishop back'

By Shirley English

RODERICK WRIGHT, former Bishop of Argyll and the Isles, will never be allowed to return to a Roman Catholic Church post in Scotland, even if he repents, gives up Kathleen MacPhee, his divorced lover, and provides support for his illegitimate son by another woman, according to the Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh, the Most Rev Keith O'Brien.

The Archbishop, who will help in choosing a replacement for Mr Wright, said: "Anyone can say they are sorry. As Christians, we believe in forgiveness, and I am sure Christ will forgive Roddy Wright. But, with regard to a public role in the church — certainly not in Scotland."

Yesterday, speaking publicly for the first time on the subject, William MacPhee, said he was preparing to spend Christmas alone with his three children, adding that his former wife had not spoken to her daughter since she fled Fort William to set up home with Mr Wright.

Joanne Whibley, the woman who had Mr Wright's son 15 years ago, said she now no longer had any expectation he would take any fatherly responsibility for the boy.

Abandoned children, page 6

## Record City fees make millionaires

Fees earned by City dealmakers will top the £1 billion mark for the first time this year. Bonuses will create a raft of millionaires.

The total value of takeovers masterminded by the City in 1996 will not match last year's but the fees income will be larger because of the complexity of several big deals. The bonanza is likely to continue into the new year.......... Page 36

## Gingrich risks his job by confessing

Newt Gingrich was fighting to save his job as Speaker after admitting, after two years of denials, that he had broken ethics rules of the House of Representatives.

A subcommittee agreed he had brought discredit on the House by using tax-exempt funds for political purposes.......... Page 5

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# £700m millennium project has only weeks to be rescued

By Arthur Leathley
Political Correspondent

TORY and Labour leaders were warned yesterday that they have only weeks to settle a political battle that threatens to scupper plans for the Millennium Exhibition.

The chief executive who last week resigned from handling the £700 million project issued a clear warning that private companies would reject the scheme unless there is swift agreement on funding. "The programme is extremely tight. It is going to be necessary for there to be clarity in the first two to three weeks of January," said Barry Hartop, who resigned as chief executive of Millennium Central, the private company charged with setting up the business plan for the exhibition.

He also suggested that the Government had been mistaken in forming a private company to set in place the outline business plan for the exhibition. Businesses needed to know that any losses would be underwritten by the Government before committing themselves to backing the event, to be held in Greenwich.

Michael Heseltine, the deputy Prime Minister, and Jack Cunningham, Labour's shadow National Heritage Secretary, are wrangling over the details of the underwriting package that is likely to require an extra £200 million of lottery funding. Currently, £200 million is expected to come from the Millennium Commission, funded by the lottery, £150 million from the private sector and some £350 million from other income, including ticket sales to the enormous domed exhibition which is intended to be the centrepiece of the celebrations.

Roger Freeman, the public service minister, who was given the job of sorting out the BSE beef crisis earlier this year, and Jennifer Page, chief executive of the Millennium Commission, look set to take over the running of the project.

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### 'Too little time' to prepare for reforms designed to toughen examinations and broaden curriculum

# Schools combine in attempt to delay A-level changes

By John O'Leary
EDUCATION EDITOR

STATE and independent school head teachers have joined forces to demand a postponement of changes to A and AS-level examinations, which ministers hope to implement before the general election.

Reforms designed to toughen up some A levels and broaden the sixth-form curriculum are expected to be approved by Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, in the new year. The new courses are due to begin in 1998, with the first examinations in 2000. However, head teachers and classroom unions claim that the timetable gives schools too little time to prepare. A joint letter from 11 state and independent sector bodies says: "It would be extremely regrettable if the many beneficial outcomes of the changes to A and AS levels were jeopardised by a hurried start which left many young people seriously disadvantaged."

Concerns about the timing of the changes were raised last month by Professor Denis Lawton, who chairs the Joint Council for the GCSE. In a letter to Sir Ron Dearing, then chairman of the School Curriculum and Assessment Council, he said that examination boards and teacher organisations favoured a year's delay in implementing the changes to give time for further consultation, avoid confusion over the revised qualifications and ensure that courses were taught successfully.

In a separate initiative, the heads of mathematics in 23 leading independent schools have made the same appeal to the SCAA. The department heads, including those at Cheltenham Ladies College, St Paul's and Westminster, said the proposals would do nothing to improve the quality or supply of mathematicians, and might hinder the process.

The reform package, put forward by Sir Ron in his report on the 16-19 age group, will alter the structure of A-level courses, introduce new programmes in "core skills" such as information technology and communication, and replace two-year AS levels with more intensive one-year programmes. The basic content of the courses has been agreed, and syllabuses are to be drafted by next summer.

Although the changes have all-party support, their timing could become a political issue. The move to more demanding qualifications is certain to feature in the Conservative election manifesto and a delay is certain to be discouraged.

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "The authority and the politicians would be most unwise to ignore the unanimous view of organisations representing all types of school. It may be that there is a political agenda, which requires us to meet particular deadlines, but this must be sacrificed if it does not fit in with educational considerations."

Mr Hart said the dispute was not over the content of the proposals. "There is real enthusiasm to get on with it but the timetable must be realistic."

The SCAA is expected to finalise its advice to Mrs Shephard early next month. A spokesman said the authority was unlikely to recommend a delay. "The timetable is acknowledged to be tight but it is achievable and the aim must be to make the necessary changes this century rather than next."

David Blunkett, the Shadow Education and Employment Secretary, has already expressed doubts about the speed of the changes in mathematics.

☐ Government advisers yesterday defended the introduction of new national examinations for teenagers who cannot cope with GCSE, which will give candidates credit for writing their own name. Critics accused the SCAA of diluting standards by offering certificates for worthless achievement. But the authority said it was merely bringing a number of existing courses into a national framework.

The proposed "entry level" qualifications are pitched at a level below that of an average 11-year-old. A recommended reading list for a course in English includes simple picture books and uses extracts from television programmes for coursework.

An SCAA spokesman said: "These qualifications are intended primarily to motivate individuals to continue to learn and achieve, rather than regarding themselves as being written off as complete failures."

# Navy withdraws missiles found to have explosive flaw

By A Staff Reporter

SIGNIFICANT numbers of the Royal Navy's primary air-to-air missile have been withdrawn because of cracks that could make them explode on firing.

Half the Sidewinder missiles aboard the aircraft carrier *HMS Invincible*, which is on 72 hours' notice to sail to the Adriatic if British troops in Bosnia have to be evacuated, have been found to be dangerous and unusable. The Ministry of Defence has begun negotiations with the Pentagon in an attempt to secure compensation.

Labour demanded an immediate investigation into the problem and called for the urgent examination of other equipment to ensure that vital weapon systems were not affected. David Clark, the shadow defence secretary, said: "Thankfully, these faults have been discovered now and not in a time of war. It is simply unacceptable that some of our most important equipment has been damaged in this way. Our forces need to know they can rely on the equipment they have been provided with."

The cracks were discovered during a periodic X-ray examination in the warhead of Sidewinders manufactured in the United States by Raytheon and Aeronutronics between 1979 and 1981. Defence sources said dirt particles in the cracks heat up to extreme temperatures when the missile is fired, which could cause the warhead to explode shortly after firing, endangering the lives of Sea Harrier pilots.

The Sidewinder, the primary short-range missile carried by Royal Navy Sea Harrier jump-jets, was used with great effect in the Falklands conflict, when 26 were fired, hitting 19 Argentine aircraft. The 9ft 3in long infra-red homing missile targets the heat emitted by an enemy aircraft engine. Armed with a high explosive warhead, Sidewinder was bought in an arms deal between the Ministry of Defence and the Pentagon.

The first batch of AIM-9L Sidewinders was drawn from stocks in the United States produced by Raytheon and Aeronutronics, which is now part of Lockheed Martin. Later batches, which are not affected, were produced in Europe by a consortium of British, Italian, Norwegian and German companies.

Urgent work was under way to replace the damaged missile warheads, a Ministry of Defence spokesman said. "We can confirm that there is a problem with some small holdings of the older Sidewinder missiles," he said. "As a sensible precaution, those affected warheads are being withdrawn and replaced."

He added: "In the meantime, they have been given full safety certification for continued stowage afloat."

The RAF said it was aware of the problem with Royal Navy Sidewinders but said it had discovered no similar cracking in its own arsenal.

**Britain is to expand its psychological warfare operations department after years of neglect, it was disclosed yesterday. Extra staff are being drafted in to the small department when it moves from its current base at Ashford, Kent, to the new military intelligence headquarters at Chicksands, Bedfordshire, in 1997. There are also moves to change the department's name.**

Eddie Copeland's bomb-damaged car is removed from outside his home in West Belfast yesterday. He suffered leg injuries in the attack

# Blast increases tension on mainland

By Stewart Tendler
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE Belfast car bombing could have serious implications for the mainland, the head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch warned yesterday.

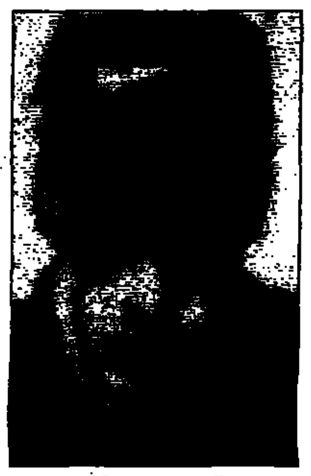
After being briefed by the RUC, Commander John Grieve, head of the branch and national co-ordinator of anti-terrorist operations, said: "We have been saying since the beginning of December that these are dangerous months we are entering. Anything that happens there has significance for us over here. Anything that increases violence and tension in Northern Ireland is significant for us."

Anti-terrorist operations in London and many other parts of Britain are already on high alert. Extra officers are patrolling London and other cities in a strategy of high visibility policing intended to keep the pressure on the terrorists.

Mr Grieve was commenting on the security situation in Belfast as he issued close-circuit television pictures of a man who visited a west London self-storage company shortly before it was raided by an IRA team last month. A trio of raiders attacked the company's unit in Shepherd's Bush, tied up the guard and ransacked 55 units. Police believe they fled with explosives and bomb-making equipment. The man in the picture came to the company almost 24 hours before the gang struck. He called himself Tommy Hearns and spoke with a London accent. He was 6ft tall and said he was interested in hiring a unit.

Mr Grieve said police were keen to interview the man and that he had been at the company "at a time which is of great significance to us. We would be very interested to hear what he has got to say. We believe he is an important witness. We have spent some time trying to find him and not been able to trace him."

The raid was carried out by two men who were masked and a third who was about 5ft 11in tall and did not wear a mask.



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# Goldsmith links with Unionists in funding deal

By Arthur Leathley, political correspondent

ULSTER Unionists will announce today that Sir James Goldsmith, founder of the Referendum Party, is to provide financial backing in a deal that has already provoked divisions in the party. He will fund Unionists to campaign in Westminster and the general election for a broad referendum on Europe.

Even before the deal was formally announced, however, it became clear that the Unionist party's nine MPs are not united behind the alliance, which was agreed between Sir James and the David Trimble, the party leader. John Taylor, deputy leader of the UUP, said he opposed the link and insisted it would have no effect on the way his party operated at Westminster. Despite backing that entail more than £100,000 for the cash-strapped Unionists, Mr Taylor said: "I would advise caution about Goldsmith's Referendum Party. Whatever the immediate temptations may be, Ulster Unionists would be wise to always think of tomorrow."

The reaction of Mr Taylor, the party's European policy spokesman, suggested Mr Trimble had not received full backing from his MPs before arranging the deal. Ken Maginnis, another senior Unionist MP, said: "I have no knowledge of any pact or deal with any party."

However, Mr Trimble will announce that Jim Nicholson, the only Ulster Unionist Euro-MP, is to join the Europe of Nations political grouping in the European Parliament, a group headed by Sir James, who is a Euro MP.

The alliance increases pressure on John Major as he holds out against demands to stage a referendum on Britain's future relationship with Europe. The Prime Minister, who has promised a referendum on the single currency if the Cabinet approves Britain's entry, again dismissed suggestions that Britain might withdraw from the EU.

In an interview with the *Sundau Programme* on GMTV, Mr Major said it was rare for a political debate to touch the emotions so "savagely" as the one over the future shape of Europe. "It is an issue which touches the heart as well as the head. We haven't in 150 years of politics had very many matters that are of such concern to people as the present concerns that people have about the direction in which Europe might go."

# Tory guns are trained on Labour tax plans

By Arthur Leathley

TORY ministers will launch a campaign next month to undermine Labour's tax policy and to pre-empt Gordon Brown's long-awaited announcement on taxation.

Amid signs that Labour is preparing to drop its plan to impose a 50p tax on those earning more than £100,000, ministers are to press the Labour leadership to explain how it will meet spending commitments.

Senior Conservatives are to seize on Labour's delay in spelling out its tax proposals by running a three-week offensive intended to highlight Mr Brown's refusal to give details of his intentions.

The 50p tax plan would raise £1 billion, but Tony Blair is said to be unconvinced that the extra revenue is worth the risk that Tories will use the increase as evidence of Labour's tax-raising intentions.

Senior Labour figures said yesterday that the issue had yet to be finalised and that the Shadow Chancellor would not unveil his proposals until February, rather than January as expected.

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## Five become No 1 for a spicy Christmas

**The Spice Girls claimed the Christmas number one spot yesterday, knocking the Dunblane anti-gun protest song from the top of the pop charts. The five-girl group's record, *2 Becomes 1*, had been the bookmakers' odds-on favourite for the coveted position and was the fastest-selling release of the year, with 450,000 copies sold in a week.**

**Madonna came in at number three with *Don't Cry for Me Argentina*, which was also released this week to coincide with the première of her film *Evita*.**

**The Spice Girls also remain at the top of the album chart with their debut record, *Spice*. Only the Beatles, Queen and Cliff Richard have achieved such a double before.**

## Food-bug detective ill

**A detective constable with a Strathclyde Police team investigating the *E. coli 0157* food-poisoning outbreak, which has claimed 15 lives in central Scotland, is suspected of having contracted the illness, it emerged yesterday. The constable, 39, started showing symptoms last week and went on sick leave to his home in Lanarkshire, Strathclyde Police said. He is being treated as an outpatient at Monklands District General Hospital.**

## Bird row mediation offer

**The head of one of Britain's privatised water companies has offered to mediate in the dispute between anglers, who have been killing cormorants, and environmentalists. Sir Fred Holliday, chairman of Northumbrian Water, who has just been elected president of the British Trust for Ornithology, claimed an "appreciation of both sides of the argument" but said the law had to be obeyed as long as cormorants remained protected.**

## University league call

**Vice-chancellors of four leading universities called yesterday for the creation of a "premier league" of higher education, which would take the lion's share of government research funds. The heads of Cambridge, Edinburgh and Warwick universities, and University College London said the money must go be channelled towards departments of international excellence if Britain was to compete with other leading research nations.**

## French attacks linked

**French police hunting the killer of the Cornish schoolgirl Caroline Dickinson in a Brittany youth hostel in July are investigating claims that a second British teenager was molested in a seaside town near by on the same night. British police have interviewed the other girl, who told them that she escaped after her classmates awoke and shouted at the intruder.**

## Lottery winner secret

**The £10.3 million National Lottery Christmas jackpot has been claimed, but the ticket holder has decided to avoid publicity. Camelot, the organisers, could not reveal whether the winning ticket was owned by an individual or a syndicate. Twenty tickets matched five numbers plus the bonus ball, winning £158,977 each. Lottery numbers, page 18**

## A colonel's daughter was the unknowing inspiration behind a new blockbuster film

# How Dahl made magic from the real Matilda

BY ALAN HAMILTON

BEHIND the eponymous but fictional heroine of *Matilda*, the newly released film likely to rate highly with young cinema audiences, lies a real-life Matilda who is nothing like her screen persona at all.

On screen, Matilda is a precocious imp who is determined to read books from an early age, despite the advice of her blockhead father that she would be better off couch-potatoing in front of the television.

She fairly crackles with such pyrotechnic insults as "You villainous sack of gobsmite" and "You squirming worm of vomit". You know at once, without having to read the credits of the movie that went on general release at the weekend, that Matilda is a creature sprung from the imagination of Roald Dahl.

In the real world, Matilda Twickel is a 20-year-old economics student at Newcastle University, rarely says "gobsmite" and is not the daughter of a dodgy Arthur Daley-like character who does up wrecked cars and flogs them to the unsuspecting.

But she did meet the children's author when she was two years old, and a first edition of the Matilda stories with a dedication to her on the flyleaf in Dahl's own hand seems proof enough that although he did not borrow her character, he certainly borrowed her name.

Miss Twickel was in the audience at a private showing of the film last week in aid of the Pathfinders charity, founded by the late Group Captain Leonard Cheshire. Her father, a retired Royal Armoured Corps lieutenant-colonel, is associated with the charity; Cheshire and Dahl served as wartime pilots.

Miss Twickel found the film enjoyable but saw nothing of herself in it. She said of her youthful meeting with Dahl: "I remember nothing about him at all. I am not the inspiration for the film."

The two are related, if distantly. Dahl's second wife, Felicity d'Abreu, , is a first cousin of Miss Twickel's father. The author would occasionally visit his wife's family at their Warwickshire home, where he met baby Matilda and once witnessed her as a tiny bridesmaid at a family wedding.

Colonel Alex Twickel, Matilda's father, said yesterday that Dahl, whom he remembered as a raconteur with a sharp tongue, borrowed his daughter's name, which appealed to him, but there the similarity ended. "The fictional Matilda is very bright, intellectually precocious even, but with quite horrible parents. My younger daughter was not intellectually precocious; she was an ordinary girl who did well at school. As for the parents, I will leave others to judge, but we always encouraged our children to read."

Miss Twickel has an elder sister, Angela, who is reading engineering at Edinburgh University. She has escaped public attention, as Dahl never wrote a series of Angela stories.

The film version is even further removed from reality than Dahl's story, its setting transferred by its Hollywood producers to California and the name part taken by the young American actress Mara Wilson. Miss Twickel's father is played — and the film directed — by Danny DeVito, who in looks, speech and background bears about as much resemblance to Colonel Twickel as does the real Matilda to that hideous brat in Dahl's book *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, Miss Verucca Salt.

Which is, in short, none whatsoever.

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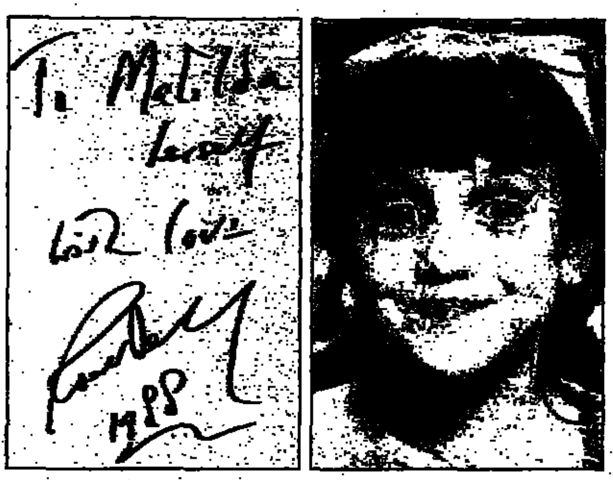
Dahl inscribed a copy of his book to Matilda Twickel; Mara Wilson plays the film role



ANDRE CAMARA

Miss Twickel: now a 20-year-old economics student, she was two when the children's author met her

# Linford Christie brother killed in street stabbing

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

LINFORD CHRISTIE returned to Britain to join his bereaved family yesterday after the death of his younger brother Russell in a stabbing in west London.

Today Simon Williams, 32, unemployed and of no fixed address, will appear at Marylebone Magistrates' Court charged with murder. Russell Christie, 34, was found stabbed and seriously wounded in Notting Hill, and died later in hospital. He had received stab wounds to his neck and was found by police after they were alerted by members of the public to a report of fighting. He died early on Friday morning but there was a delay in identifying him.

Efforts were then made to contact his brother, who was training in Sydney, Australia, with Colin Jackson and other athletes. Mr Christie, 36, one of Britain's most famous and wealthiest athletes, refused to speak to reporters when he landed at Heathrow yesterday.

But one family friend said: "Linford has not been particularly close to his brother for several years now, even though he still loved him.

"I don't think he liked the way their father was dragged into the trouble in the early 1980s. However, he is an emotional man and is sure to be upset, not only because he was his brother, but also because he will be worried about the effect Russell's death has on their father."

In the early 1980s, the family was caught up in a racial conflict. In his autobiography Mr Christie, who rarely speaks of his private life, describes how his younger brother became embroiled in a running feud with some white people in Notting Hill.

He went to his brother's defence but the problem escalated, with police involvement. On one occasion, police officers raided the family home looking for Russell and knocked their father unconscious during the search.

Mr Christie's family always believed that his younger brother might have done just as well as him. When Russell was jailed for three years in 1989 for giving his girlfriend a beating, his father said ruefully that he had once been a schoolboy sports star with a great future.

Russell also spent several months on remand in jail accused of an assault of which he was later cleared. Linford said those lost months made his brother "a bitter man".

Russell grew increasingly entangled in trouble spurred by an aggressive temper. Later there were links to drugs such as cocaine.

Russell was jailed in 1989 for an attack with a baseball on his former girlfriend, Zoe Groves. In 1992 he was arrested for burglary, theft and robbery. Police arrested and released him in 1993 for trying to break into a car.

In 1994 he was jailed again for attacking a woman. This time he was give three years for slamming the head of his girlfriend Georgine Gourlay against a car window. A police sergeant was also injured. Russell was also given a six-month jail sentence for breaking into the a friend's BMW car.

The Christies' mother, Mabel, died last year but their father, James, a former BBC porter, is still alive.

Linford Christie defended his brother Russell, right, during a racial dispute in Notting Hill in the 1980s

# Why island sunseekers are teeming of a wet Christmas

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of holidaymakers who flew to the Canaries in the hope of a sunny Christmas have been greeted with howling gales and torrential rain.

A major Atlantic depression brought miserable weather to Britain's favourite festive getaway islands, and some of the worst conditions in years to parts of North Africa, Spain and Portugal. The north of Tenerife had 23 mm (almost one inch) of rain in 12 hours, and temperatures have fallen to about 55F, 20 degrees below the seasonal norm.

Gales closed some small island airports, flights were diverted from Las Palmas to Tenerife, and a spokesman at Tenerife's southern Reina Sofia airport said: "We are having a terrible time with the weather. There are long delays and no sign of a let-up."

More than 120mm of rain has swept Gibraltar in the past two days. The depression is expected to return during the week.

The holiday exodus from Britain is continuing: more than 250,000 passengers will have boarded British Airways flights between yesterday and Christmas Day — 11 per cent up on last year. Extra flights have been laid on to cope with the expected 70,000 who will fly within Britain.

Heathrow will handle 750,000 passengers over the five days leading up to Christmas Day. The airport is expecting its busiest ever day on Sunday January 5, when 196,000 travellers are expected to use its four terminals. On the roads, large queues built up yesterday around shopping centres. The RAC reported an eight-mile queue of almost stationary traffic on the A1M outside the MetroCentre, Gateshead, and said that there was heavy traffic through the Dartford Tunnel during the morning as shoppers made for the Lakeside centre at Thurrock, Essex.

At least four people were killed on icy roads. Three died when a van and car crashed on the A166 at Gate Helmsley, near York, and a man was killed at Turvey, Bedfordshire, when his car span off the A428.

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# Prince's faith earns Carey's blessing

BY RUTH GLEDHILL

The Prince of Wales holding four-month-old Princess Maria-Olympia, granddaughter of the exiled King Constantine of Greece, during her Orthodox baptism in Istanbul yesterday. The Prince is her godfather

THE Archbishop of Canterbury yesterday praised the Prince of Wales's commitment to Christianity and the Established Church. Contradicting the verdict of his predecessor, Lord Runcie, Dr George Carey said: "I don't believe that Prince Charles has given up on the Christian faith and certainly not the Church of England."

He praised the Prince for a recent speech in which he argued that the West had much to learn from Islam. Dr Carey said: "He believes, as I do, that our country must be open to other faiths and we must continue our tradition of hospitality."

Dr Carey, in an interview on GMTV's Sunday programme, referred to Humphrey Carpenter's biography of Lord Runcie, serialised by *The Times*. The former Archbishop said in it that the Prince was disenchanted with the Established Church and "gave up on it" more than a decade ago. Dr Carey said: "I may therefore be in danger of colliding with my very good friend and predecessor." But he insisted that the Prince was a practising Anglican. "He has got a deep faith, rooted in the Christian faith, and of course I'm quite relaxed about him saying there are things we can learn from other faiths' traditions. He is also aware there's much that the Christian faith can offer other faith traditions as well."

On the Prince's marital difficulties, Dr Carey told the interviewer, Steve Chalke: "He is a man who takes faith seriously, who attends worship and someone who has struggled as many people struggle with … brokenness in relationships. Therefore it's wrong for you and I to sit in judgment on people who are, as we are, people made in the image of God."

The Archbishop argued strongly against disestablishment. The Church was there for the nation, he said, and its 26 bishops in the House of Lords had made important contributions to recent debates on issues such as the asylum Bill, marriage and housing.

# Vicar 'called by God' to heal rift at divided abbey

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

Jukes: said future at abbey looked very good

A NEW vicar has been appointed to take charge of Selby Abbey, one of England's most spectacular parish churches, where a power struggle between clergy and laity has led to the resignation of three vicars in six years.

Prebendary Keith Jukes, team rector of Cannock, Staffordshire, said last night that he had felt "called by God" to the abbey. On the recommendation of the Archbishop of York, Dr David Hope, monks and nuns are being sent there for the first time since the Reformation to help resolve the dispute.

Mr Jukes, 42, married with two children, said: "I am aware of the pastoral difficulties that there have been. I am convinced they will quickly be put behind us. Selby Abbey is a place of major potential and the future looks very good."

He will be joined by two nuns from the Order of the Holy Paraclete. Monks from the College of the Resurrection in Mirfield, west Yorkshire, already visit every Monday to say prayers and offer spiritual counselling.

The abbey's difficulties over the past few years arose partly from its status as a parish church, coupled with with the beauty and magnificence of a cathedral. Most church buildings of that calibre in England have endowments, and a dean and canons to manage them.

Earlier this year, Dr Hope ordered an inquiry into the problems at the abbey, which was founded by the Benedictines in 1069 and is larger than many cathedrals.

Three vicars left in six years amid allegations of bullying, arguments, "power hungry" individuals and letters and telephone calls to clergy claiming the abbey was not being properly run. The Rev Peter Dodd, now a hospital chaplain, left in 1993. He said earlier this year: "There were people who by their destructive nature were not supporting what I would regard as the will of God."

The report of the inquiry, headed by Christina Baxter, the Church of England's leading evangelical, described a "dark cloud" hanging over the abbey. Dr Hope recommended that a small community of nuns should be sent in "to nurture the life of prayer in the abbey and to pray for the locality".

# Wallenberg gains recognition with statue in London

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE Queen is to unveil a monument in London to Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved the lives of thousands of Jews during the Second World War.

Wallenberg was posted to his neutral country's legation in Budapest in 1944, where he saved an estimated 100,000 Hungarian Jews from the death camps by issuing them with false papers. The monument, by the Sussex-based sculptor Philip Jackson, will feature a 9ft bronze statue of Wallenberg against a background of *schutzpasse*, the false Swedish papers that provided protection against arrest by the Nazis.

Recent attempts to have Wallenberg given honorary, if posthumous, British citizenship failed, and a request for a statue to be put up in one of the royal parks was turned down on the ground that there was no space. Now, Westminster council has given a piece of ground for the monument in Great Cumberland Place in central London.

Members of the International Council of Christians and Jews, backed by an eight-year campaign by David Amess, Conservative MP for Basildon, have raised £50,000, largely in private and anonymous donations, for the monument. The Government has contributed £15,000.

Wallenberg's fate remains a mystery. When Budapest was occupied by the Red Army in 1945, he was taken to the Soviet Union, possibly under suspicion of being an American spy, and disappeared into the *gulags*. Many years later, the Soviet authorities said that he had died of a heart attack in 1947. Surviving members of his family refuse to accept the official version of his death and insist that the statue be described as a monument and not a memorial. Wallenberg's surviving half-sister is expected to attend the unveiling in February.

John Bierman, the author of a biography of Wallenberg, has written the inscription for the monument. He said he believed the prisoner survived in Soviet jails long after 1947. Were he still alive, Wallenberg would now be 88.

There are memorials to Wallenberg in Budapest, Sweden and America, but until now there has been none in Britain. "He was not British, and did nothing for Britain, but what he did was a matter of common humanity. He saved very many more Jewish lives than Oskar Schindler, who in some ways was a war profiteer," Mr Bierman said.

Wallenberg: reported to have died in 1947

# You can count on another 16 years

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE universe will come to an end 16 years from today, according to Ancient Mayan mathematical predictions.

The prophecy has been dated to December 23, 2012 based on a widely-accepted correlation between the Christian calendar and the "Long Count" of the Maya of Central America.

A Great Cycle of 5,126 years will come to an end on that day (another scheme would make it two days earlier). The Long Count began in 3114 BC, and consists of 13 *baktunob* of nearly 400 years each. Each day was named and numbered in a 260-day sacred cycle — the product of 20 names and the numbers 1-13 reused until the same combination came round again — and in a 365-day solar year with its 18 months (such as Zip or Mac) of 20 days and a five-day unlucky period called Uayeb.

The number 13 was favourable in Mayan eyes, being the number of layers in the heavens (while nine, the layers of the underworld and the number of Lords of the Night, was of ill omen). The present cycle was not, to the Maya, the first creation: their sole surviving epic, the *Popol Vuh*, tells of four earlier worlds, each unsatisfactory to the creator gods, who destroyed them.

The famous Aztec "Calendar Stone" in Mexico City also attests to four ancient creations and their destruction, indicating that Mayan beliefs were shared across Mesoamerica. The Aztecs, however, calculated in 52-year periods, but lacked the great cycles of time invented by the Maya.

Although even the 3114 BC creation of the present universe lay well before the first Maya farmers settled in Yucatan, their scribes were fascinated by large numbers, and on a monument at the city of Coba listed a succession of 13-unit periods, which some scholars interpret as ever-longer periods of imaginary time.

The ancient Maya would be awaiting the end of their world with trepidation, if their own civilisation had not collapsed a thousand years ago, with much of the remaining knowledge wiped out by the Spanish conquest five centuries later. They would understand our own millennial concerns, but be surprised that we were planning celebration, rather than propitiation, of our gods.

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### Family cheer: £34 in 1973, £219 now

# Shoppers' tinsel tastes push up cost of Christmas

By Robin Young

THE cost of Christmas may seem bigger each year to harassed shoppers, but Britain's oldest seasonal price index shows it has risen little more than the rate of inflation. The average family's cheer this year is six times what it was in 1973, when the index started, compared with general prices up by 5.2 times.

The bill, recalculated by *The Times* each year, is almost £220, nearly 10 per cent up on 1994, when it topped £200 for the first time. The "feel-good" factor may partly be to blame, since some elements in the index suggest shops are offering dearer versions of some staple lines, such as puddings and cakes, as customers "trade up".

The index was devised by a Conservative MP who later became minister for consumer affairs and chairman of the National Consumer Council.

When the figures were calculated in 1973 by Baroness Oppenheim-Barnes — then Sally Oppenheim, MP for Gloucester — the cost of providing a married couple and two children with all the items on her list was £34. 89½. Mrs Oppenheim claimed in 1977 that under a Labour government the cost of Christmas had doubled since 1973.

Her selection is, though, open to criticism. For example, the turkey apparently goes unstuffed, there is no provision for Christmas boxes to milkmen, postmen or dustmen, and the family survives the season without a single satsuma or other piece of fresh fruit. They also subsist without wine and drink only one pint of beer while shifting three bottles of spirits.

*The Times* has nonetheless recosted the same items regularly since 1978, revisiting the same north London supermarket. Many things have happened to complicate the calculations. Metrication and changing habits have led manufacturers to abandon some of the weights.

This year's version of the 1½lb pudding, for example, is three 227g (½lb) puddings from the supermarket's standard own-label range. The 1½lb size has followed the 40oz Christmas cake into history. Most puddings in the shop, with such descriptions as "luxury", "connoisseur" and "extra rich and fruity", are dearer but selling faster.

Where equivalents are no longer available, it is assumed for this year's calculation that the average family will buy the nearest alternative. We were able to find a half-pound (227g) box of chocolates this year; last year, the figure had to be calculated by dividing the cost of a larger pack. But the only Christmas cards remaining in the shop on December 18, when our prices were recorded, were a "luxury" range at £2.99 for boxes of ten, leading to a leap in the cost of that item.

Being an average family, the hypothetical folk for whom the shopping is being done are not normally given the chance of "luxury" or "premium" qualities where more basic is offered. This year's mince pies, though, are "deep-filled" and on special promotion, reduced from 89p to 65p. The shop had no standard pies on offer.

Turkey, pudding, pies and cake are dearer this year, as are nuts and postage. We saved on Brussels sprouts, potatoes, tree lights (due to the introduction of a shadeless set of 40) and crackers (a new "economy value" box of 12).

The three bottles of spirits, marginally dearer this year, are supermarkets' own-labels but 5cl smaller than in 1973, when the standard bottle was 75cl. To judge by the shelves, most people now buy in litres.

The solitary pint of beer comes from our supermarket, *not* from Calais or a pub. Even so the price, achieved by extrapolating from the price per 100ml on a multipack, ranged from 54.5p to £2.19, as the supermarket now stocks a variety of premium and extra-strength ales and lagers.

As always, it was possible to buy many of the goods more cheaply from discount stores or market stalls. Toy prices, in particular, vary widely from outlet to outlet, and it has to be doubted whether children would still be content with the meagre choice of games and toys available in our supermarket. None of those priced in 1978 remains on sale in our chosen store, so we priced a fresh selection from those in stock.

The figure we spent on toys is close to the national average per child but is supposed to buy presents for two. Family expenditure on toys, up almost ninefold since 1973, in our survey, has shown one of the more rapid escalations in the list.

The pudding, cake, tree, cards, crackers, gift wrapping and parcel post have increased in price even more sharply, while the most stable prices in the list are those of the brandy and turkey.

HOW PRICES HAVE RISEN

| | 1973 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Turkey, 14lb fresh | £7.06 | £13.86 | £13.88 | £15.26 | £16.48 |
| Mince pies, 6 | 12p | 59p | 59p | 58p | 65p |
| Christmas pudding, 1½lb | 34p | £2.82 | £2.99 | £2.84 | £4.47 |
| Christmas cake, 40oz | 90p | £4.50 | £5.49 | £5.99 | £8.74 |
| Brussels sprouts, 1½lb | 12p | 52p | 85p | £1.04 | 53p |
| Potatoes, 3lb | 7½p | 30p | 59p | £1.14 | 27p |
| ½lb of chocolates | 40p | £1.49 | £1.59 | £1.89 | £1.79 |
| Assorted nuts, ½lb | 17p | 49½p | 89p | 67p | 81p |
| Christmas tree, 5ft | 60p | £25 | £18.50 | £17.50 | £14.99 |
| Tree lights | 99p | £6.99 | £6.99 | £7.49 | £4.99 |
| Tinsel | 60p | £1.45 | £1.69 | £1.99 | £1.99 |
| Christmas crackers | 49p | £4.49 | £5.49 | £7.99 | £5.99 |
| Bottle of gin | £2.46 | £8 | £9.29 | £8.74 | £8.99 |
| Bottle of whisky | £2.39 | £8.95 | £8.89 | £8.72 | £8.99 |
| Bottle of brandy | £4.44 | £9.59 | £9.39 | £9.20 | £9.75 |
| Pint of beer | 19p | 69½p | 74p | 85p | 75p |
| 24 Christmas cards | 60p | £2.49 | £2.88 | £1.99 | £7.18 |
| 5 sheets wrapping paper | 15p | 59p | 69p | £4.95 | £4.15 |
| Postage, 1st class x 24 | 84p | £6 | £6 | £6 | £6.24 |
| Toys and games | £10.95 | £81.16 | £89.85 | £87.50 | £96 |
| Parcel post, 4 x 2kg | £ 1.06 | £13 | £13.20 | £13.20 | £13.40 |
| Total | £34.89½ | £193.93 | £200.45 | £205.53 | £219.50 |

# Waitrose recalls mince pies over fears of rubber contamination

By Michael Horsnell

A SECOND supermarket chain has withdrawn thousands of packs of mince pies from sale amid fears that some could be contaminated with small pieces of rubber.

Waitrose issued a public warning this weekend and withdrew stocks of own-brand mince pies at its 115 branches. Customers were asked to return packets of pies with a sell-by date before January 15 and were offered a refund or an alternative product. The supermarket acted after Tesco warned last week that the mincemeat in "a few" of its pies could contain rubber from the manufacturing process and began recalling supplies.

The problem was traced to Park Cakes, supplier for both chains, which is investigating the contamination. A spokeswoman for Waitrose, part of the John Lewis Partnership, said the firm had received one complaint from a woman who had discovered rubber in a mince pie. Mince pies now on sale at Waitrose comprise extra stock from the manufacturers and loose pies from the *pâtisserie* counters. All are "sound stock".

☐ The Tesco products affected were packs of Tesco 6 Iced Top Mince Pies, Tesco 6 Lattice Mince pies and Tesco 6 Deep Filled Mince Pies (manufacturer's code 0141). Customers who have bought any since November 1 are asked to return them to a Tesco store, where they will be given a refund or a replacement product.

PETER TREVNOR

A season ticket to be jolly: Christmas drinks with a 60-mile running buffet

# Festive workers fight to keep their party on track

By Jonathan Prynn

**THERE were all the ingredients of a festive staff party: the cheap white wine, the gaudy streamers, the paper plates laden with nuts, and *Do They Know It's Christmas?* blaring from the stereo. There was also the inescapable feeling of the floor swaying slightly.**

**This was a party with a buffet running for 60 miles. Aboard the 18.31 London to Brighton train, commuters were having their traditional celebration on the last working Friday before Christmas. This year may be their last.**

Connex South Central, the new French holders of the route's franchise, are planning to remove the commuters' beloved but ageing buffet cars in the new year. There will be new carriages with more seats, but only a trolley for refreshments. Passengers who pay up to £3,000 a year have sent a 500-name petition and hundreds more personal letters of protest. On Friday night, as more than 100 revellers crammed into the 25-year-old buffet car at Victoria, there was despair at the prospect of a future without their "pub on wheels".

All aboard: a party sign

Elaine Irving, 44, a secretary from Worthing, West Sussex, said: "It is the only thing that makes commuting worthwhile. You mix with all sorts of people from stockbrokers to bricklayers. It will be soul-destroying without the buffet."

Ms Irving met her husband, Charlie Strong, on the train, and said that many relationships developed from meetings in the buffet. One couple kept an affair alight for ten years before going home to their married partners each evening. One romantic had been seen with three different partners in the buffet bar in as many months. There were also rumours of couples having sex in the emptier first-class carriages.

Roy Fagan, 34, a computer consultant, met his girlfriend, Hazel Stone, on the train a year ago. He said: "It was the old story of boy meets girl on train, boy buys girl drink at buffet, boy takes girl on holiday.

"At first, we kept it a secret from the other commuters. It was like going out with someone from the same office. But it became obvious we had a thing going, so we just came out with it."

Many of the regular commuters have been travelling and drinking with each other for decades, and the journey home has led to regular weekend meetings and trips to cultural and sporting events.

Sarah Besser, who works for a steel import firm, said: "Many of us would willingly pay an extra £100 a year to keep the buffet going. It's got to be worth at least that."

# Stores open all hours to cater for final rush

By Noel Fung

WITH two shopping days before Christmas, shops and supermarkets are extending their hours. Many will be open until 10pm tonight.

**Asda:** Clapham, Watford, Edinburgh and Patchway in Bristol open overnight tonight. Some open until midnight tonight, most close at 9pm or 10pm, 6pm tomorrow.
**Books etc:** Today 9am-8pm or 10pm, tomorrow 9am-6pm. Closed Christmas and Boxing Day.
**Budgen:** Today 8am-9pm, tomorrow 7.30am-7pm, closed Christmas and Boxing Day.
**Co-op (CWS):** Today 8am-8pm, tomorrow 7.30am-5pm.
**Dewhurst:** Today 7.30am-7pm, tomorrow 7.30am-5pm. **Dillons:** Today 9am-10pm in most shops, tomorrow 9am-5pm. Closed Christmas and Boxing Day.
**Hamleys:** Covent Garden: today 10am-9pm, tomorrow 9am-4pm. Regent Street: today 10am-8pm, tomorrow 10am-6pm. Closed Christmas and Boxing Day. Friday 10am-7pm.
**Harrods:** Today 9am-8pm, tomorrow 9am-5pm. Closed Christmas, Boxing Day and December 27.
**Harvey Nichols:** Today 10am-7pm, tomorrow 10am-5pm. Friday 10am-8pm.
**Iceland:** Today 8am-10pm, tomorrow 8am-5pm. Boxing Day, closed except some in Scotland open 9am-5.30pm. Brixton branch opens overnight tonight.

LATE SHOPPING

**Marks & Spencer:** Marble Arch and Pantheon open 9am-9pm today, tomorrow 9am-6pm. Others vary but all closed Christmas and Boxing Day.
**Safeway:** Open overnight tonight at Brent Cross, but most open from 8am-10pm today and 7.30am-6pm tomorrow. Safeway BP in Basildon open Christmas and Boxing Day.
**Sainsbury's:** Today 7.30am-9pm, tomorrow 7.30-5pm. Closed Christmas and Boxing Day.
**Selfridges:** Today 9am-9pm, tomorrow 9am-6pm. Friday and Saturday 9am-8pm.
**Somerfield:** Most opening hours extended by up to two hours. Branches at Ludlow and New Invention, West Midlands, open overnight tonight.
**Toys'R'Us:** Today 7.30am-10pm, tomorrow 7.30am-8pm. Closed Christmas and Boxing Day. Friday 9am-8pm or 10pm.
**Tesco:** 16 stores open overnight tonight — Edinburgh Metro, Prestwich, York Clifton Moor, Reading, Sandhurst, Portsmouth North Harbour, Bristol, Hemel Hempstead, Gatwick, Hayes Bull Bridge, Dartford Tunnel, Cambridge Bar Hill, Thornton Heath, Ipswich Copdock, Brent Cross, Ashford and Crooksfoot.
**Waitrose:** Today 8.30am-9pm, tomorrow 8am-5pm. Closed Christmas and Boxing Day.

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**Lakeside, Thurrock:** Today 10am-10pm, tomorrow 10am-5pm. Closed Christmas and Boxing Day. Friday 10am-10pm.
**MetroCentre, Gateshead:** Today 9am-9pm, tomorrow 9am-5pm. Closed Christmas and Boxing Day. Friday 10am-8pm.
**Eldon Square, Newcastle:** Today 9am-8pm, tomorrow 9am-5pm. Closed Christmas and Boxing Day. Friday 9am-5.30pm.
**Birmingham Bull Ring:** Today 8am-8pm, tomorrow 8am "until last customer leaves". Closed Christmas and Boxing Day. Friday 8am-6pm.
**Arndale Centre, Manchester:** Today 9am-9pm, tomorrow 9am-5pm, Friday 9am-5pm.
**Meadowhall, Sheffield:** today 10am-10pm, tomorrow 10am-5pm. Closed Christmas and Boxing Day. Friday 10am-9pm.

Cromwell: declared pudding abominable

# Pudding haters find relief in law

By Robin Young

**AS BRITONS collapse into their armchairs this week after ploughing through 160,000 tonnes of Christmas pudding, the more figure-conscious and those suffering from indigestion will no doubt be wishing it was illegal.**

**Strictly speaking, it is. Oliver Cromwell outlawed both plum pudding and mince pies in a 17th-century statute that has never been formally repealed. He declared them to be "abominable idolatrous things to be avoided by Christians"; his statute stipulated that people could be jailed for eating or making them.**

The origins of Christmas pudding are hazy but are thought to derive from plum pottage or plum porridge, a fearful brew of mutton broth thickened with brown bread, to which raisins, currants, prunes and spices were added as available.

There is no law that stipulates what ingredients a Christmas pudding should and should not contain, although some of the colourings used until recently have been banned under European law.

In the event that this year's shoppers fail to strip the shelves bare, another law requires all traders to empty their windows on Christmas Eve. The Christmas Act of 1448 makes it illegal for any goods to be displayed on Christmas Day.

Equally, it is an offence not to attend church over Christmas. The Act of Uniformity of 1551 lays down penalties for those who fail to attend their devotions "having no lawful or reasonable excuses to be absent".

More happily, legislation of 1831, which forbids hunting on Christmas Day, also stipulates that nobody can be arrested for anything other than serious crime or breach of the peace. Although drink-drivers need not hope to benefit, it is the same enlightened piece of legislation that prevents debt collectors from calling over the holiday, and which ensures that people cannot be served with writs or summonses over their Christmas lunch.

# American import threatens to demolish Lego

By Robin Young

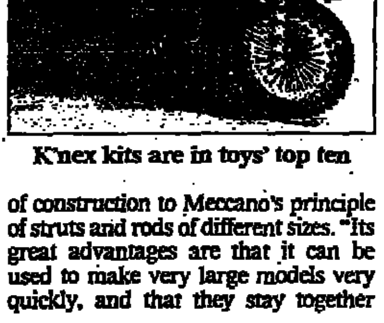
TOY cupboards could soon be filled with millions of redundant Lego bricks as competition from a new source threatens the long-established market leader from Denmark.

K'nex, an American invention introduced here two years ago, is claiming a 41 per cent increase in UK sales this Christmas. According to the latest figures from independent researchers, it has hauled Lego's market share back to 53 per cent from an apparently unchallengeable 84 per cent two years ago.

K'nex appears to be doing to Lego what Lego did to Meccano, the classic British construction kit, when it was first launched in Britain. Meccano was reduced to a mere 5 per cent of the market it had previously dominated. K'nex is now claiming almost 17 per cent of the British market.

A depot at Ashford, Kent, has been working full-tilt packaging three million sets for K'nex International, now established in 22 countries; a production factory should come on stream in Ashford at the end of next year. Meanwhile, K'nex forecasts global sales of $120 million (£75 million) next year, three times this year's total.

Shopkeepers have been desperately trying to acquire stock of K'nex's biggest construction kits, Rollercoaster and Ball Factory, which retail at £99 each. The producers have been unable to keep up with demand for battery and mains power units for the kits, which sell at prices from £20 to £90.


K'nex kits are in toys' top ten

K'nex marries Lego's clip-on method of construction to Meccano's principle of struts and rods of different sizes. "Its great advantages are that it can be used to make very large models very quickly, and that they stay together and move," Russ Ward, Knex's managing director in the UK, said.

Lego was launched in Denmark in 1932 using wooden bricks, later replaced with plastic as international sales climbed. K'nex was conceived by Joel Glickman of Pennsylvania, president of a family plastics business.

Mr Glickman claims Lego is "trapped within their building block system", and that K'nex is much more flexible and mobile. Peter Ambeck-Madsan, head of public relations at Lego, said: "We do not feel trapped at all. Lego is still *the* system in the construction toy market."

The British Association of Toy Retailers said Lego and K'nex were both in the top ten this Christmas, Lego at number five with Wild West sets from £3.49, and K'nex at number ten with construction sets from £7.99.

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A Christmas cigar can be safe and satisfying

MEDICAL BRIEFING

THE pleasures of a Christmas cigar can be happily and safely enjoyed by people who have never been addicted to cigarette smoking. But for a surprising number of people who have given up cigarettes, a cigar rekindles a desire to smoke. The relationship between cigar smoking and cancer of the lung and heart disease is weak, unless the smoker has previously smoked cigarettes regularly. For them, one small cigar is a lethal as three cigarettes and one medium-sized cigar as dangerous as five cigarettes. Research has shown that the dangers of cigar smoking in those who had previously enjoyed cigarettes persist even if the person claims that they do not inhale. The *British Medical Journal* Christmas edition includes a warning: smoking may not only speed the thickening process in the arteries and cause a general appearance of premature ageing, but it is also specifically related to early greying of the hair in both sexes and, in men, early baldness. J.G. Mosley, a consultant surgeon at Leigh Infirmary in Lancashire, and A.C. Gibbs, a statistician from the Christie Hospital in Manchester, analysed the hair colour and thickness in patients attending the general surgical out-patients department at Leigh Infirmary. The results showed a clear link between smoking and early greying. The authors hope that, even if patients are not persuaded to stop smoking by the risk of disease, vanity may induce them to give up cigarettes. W.H. Auden's face, which was said to reflect that of a heavy smoker, was once described as looking like a wedding cake left in the rain.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

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## Aftermath of a scandal: the children abandoned in the Wright affair

# My stupidity, by the mother of bishop's son

BY LIN JENKINS

A MOTHER who kept the secret that she had a Roman Catholic bishop's child said yesterday that she had finally come to terms with her own stupidity.

Joanna Wibley spent 15 years believing that Roddy Wright would forsake the church for family life with her and their son Kevin. Three months ago, when the Bishop of Argyll and the Isles abandoned his calling for Kathleen MacPhee, she finally exposed him as the father of her child.

Yesterday, in her first newspaper interview since the scandal broke, she told *The Times*: "It was a very painful business, having my stupidity held up for everybody to see. But in the end it is quite a small price to pay for the truth to be told."

She is now planning her future as a single mother and grappling to apply some logic to the conflicting emotions she feels in the wake of the public exposure. She feels bitter towards the Church but feels sorry for, and even pities, Mr Wright and his new woman, who has left her children to be with him in a tiny cottage in the Lake District.

"This Christmas will be the same as the others in every possible way, except I no longer have an expectation that he will ever take any fatherly responsibility. That is the end of an uncertainty, if you can call that positive."

While Mr Wright was missing from his diocese in September, he was on the telephone to her arranging his imminent arrival at her modest home in Polegate, Sussex, to honour of a long-held pledge.

When he did not arrive, she was stunned. "I did not totally expect him to come, but he had said he would and I had no reason to suspect he would lie so monumentally. In my heart I did not think he would, but in my head I thought it inconceivable to think that someone could lie."

Naturally shy, she abhors the trend for public confession and stripping emotions bare. She admits she is never going to disclose the full story.

"I want the whole sorry business to go away. Sometimes I look upon it as a joke. Here is Roddy, this bishop, who has run away from reality, taking a nurse to look after him in his frailty. And it is a nurse who goes to a bishop to have counselling about her gall bladder and gynaecological problems. I have been stupid, but he is being stupid again and again and again. Whether it is wickedness or madness, I don't know," she said.

Her experience has left her vitriolic about the Church. She thinks she has lost her faith and is surprised Mr Wright considers himself still a member of the church. "The clergy have to be celibate, not chaste. The church plays down this can of worms, yet in their eyes he has probably done nothing wrong. When they talk about the scandal and damage he has caused, the scandal is their relentless pursuit of policy which damages people and limits people.

"They are not bad men that take this line, but are misguided. They have from the cradle been indoctrinated and gone from the arms of mother to Mother Church."

Most clergymen, she believes, are trapped in adolescence. "Roddy's behaviour is pre-adolescent, some of his newspaper interview was almost pre-puberty," she said.

After the furore abated and the press moved from her doorstep, she asked the Church for counselling, since they had openly offered it to Mr Wright and Mrs MacPhee.

"I was angry with the church. Archbishop O'Brien said, No, go and told me to see a lawyer. In the end you have to laugh, it is the only sane thing to do. You look for the joke and there is a large one here."

Support groups for women who have children by Catholic clergymen, or are having affairs with them, have offered their support. But she is contemptuous of the offer.

Having come to terms with her own stupidity, she feels these women should look at what led them to make such an unwise choice and not to bleat about the church's refusal to address the problem.

This Christmas will be the first in fifteen years where she has not harboured an expectation that the father of her son may join them soon.

Mr Wright and Kathleen MacPhee at their cottage. He said yesterday: "We just want to be left alone"

## A new life on benefit for Lakeland lovers

BY CAROL MIDGLEY

**AT THE rented cottage which he shares with Kathleen MacPhee, the former Bishop declined to discuss his new life. Mr Wright, 56, spoke through his closed front door as he told *The Times*: "We feel we have done enough talking with the press. We just want to be left alone now to get on with it. There is nothing further I want to say in public at the moment."**

**The cottage, at Mountain View, Kendal, in Cumbria, is where the couple fled in September after news of their affair broke. It is also where they say first consummated their relationship four weeks later. Neighbours say they have so far been reluctant to involve themselves in local community life.**

**Mr Wright now claims £50 a week unemployment benefit and £300 a month housing benefit. Mrs MacPhee, 41, has found work as a supply nurse at Westmoreland General Hospital in the Lake District.**

**A neighbour said: "We see very little of them to be honest. Half the time you wouldn't know there was anybody living there but they seem nice enough people. Nobody has got any complaints about them."**

# Runaway woman 'has made no contact with daughter'

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

THE ex-husband of Kathleen MacPhee said yesterday that she had not spoken to their daughter in the three months since running away with the former bishop.

Breaking his silence yesterday for the first time since the scandal broke, William MacPhee said: "Julie Anne reads stuff in the papers about speaking to her mum three times a week. It's a load of rubbish. It would be a waste of time. There has been no contact."

Now 15 she is living with her father in the small village of Onich, south of Fort William. Mr MacPhee, 44, a builder, said his ex-wife would not be spending Christmas with her or sons Donald, 18, and Stephen, 24: "I don't know what she is doing. I have not spoken to her or heard from her and I am not interested whatsoever.

"I will be spending Christmas with the children, with all the family. It will be private, me and the children, and we're quite looking forward to it."

Mr MacPhee, who was divorced from Mrs MacPhee in 1992 after 21 years of marriage, was forced into hiding for three weeks when the news broke in early September that his ex-wife had run-off with the bishop. Yesterday he said: "I have been offered £50,000 or even a blank cheque to tell my side of the story. But I won't. I have the children to think about.

"It's their future at stake. It is them we have to think of. They have to make their own way in life here. They have to live here. We are fed up with it and just want to put it behind us. The family are all fine.

"We are not moving out. We've got organised a bit better now and we have been left alone. We are looking ahead for now. There were lots of rumours, but everyone has been fine with us. We have not done anything, after all."

In the wider Catholic community of Argyll and the Isles there is still "great hurt and great upset," according to Archbishop O'Brien. After Mr Wright's resignation, revelations that he had a 15-year-old son plunged the Catholic Church into debate about celibacy in the priesthood. Archbishop O'Brien has spent the past three months travelling by fishing boat, car and plane, to the far flung corners of this remote region, where on some islands 99 per cent of the population are Catholics.

"My role is to help to build up the faith and heal the wounds caused by Roddy Wright. I have encountered feelings of great hurt and great upset at the various revelations about his lifestyle," he said.

"It is the equivalent to a death in the family and naturally there is a grieving process. I have told them that it is natural to feel hurt and that they should not be frightened to talk to one another about their pain.

"The sense is one of intense sadness rather than forgiveness. The people obviously loved and respected the man as their priest and bishop. They are grateful for all he has achieved and sad that his life is now in ruins." The archbishop, who suffers from a heart murmour, said his travels around the diocese, which is so different from his own, have been "physically tiring, but stimulating spiritually." He has found people's faith intact and strong.

He said he has been in contact with Mr Wright by letter about parish matters as "he left in a bit of a hurry".

In his reply Mr Wright "indicated his abject apologies for the hurt he had caused to so many people. He had not thought that the effect of his departure would have been so great. There was a naivety about him. I am amazed he was able to carry on his double life for so long," the archbishop said.

# Medical 'mechanics' who perform a modern miracle on the human heart

BY JOHN YOUNG

ON A grey December morning at Guy's Hospital in southeast London, Michael Tynan, professor of pediatric cardiology, and Dr Shakeel Qureshi, a consultant, are readying themselves for a day of what they call "mechanics". They reject the term surgery because the operation they are about to perform is one of the miracles of late 20th-century medical science: the repair of a human heart without of the use of the surgeon's knife.

Professor Tynan, who is also chairman of the Evelina Children's Hospital Appeal, is a bluff, jovial fellow who hides his skills under a veil of ironic mockery. He and Dr Qureshi perform a sort of comedy double-act, ribbing each other and pretending, not altogether convincingly, that theirs is an easy option compared with "the clever people working in neurology".

The two men are taking part in trials of an American device, known as a cardioseal, which is used to seal a hole in a heart between the two main atria. It consists of two tiny, back-to-back plastic "umbrellas" which, when manoeuvred into place, provide a permanent barrier to blood from the veins seeping into the patient's lungs. Until recently, the only means of curing the defect was by open heart surgery. The cardioseal can be inserted through a catheter in the groin and manoeuvred up through an artery to the heart.

Tests began in America in the mid-1980s but had to be temporarily discontinued when it was found that the umbrellas' metal struts were not strong enough. Safety and efficiency trials are now being conducted in several European countries, including France, Germany, Spain and the Netherlands, as well as at Guy's.

"The aim is to carry out about 200 operations, and then stop for about a year or so to see what happens and how patients react," Professor Tynan said. "Each case has to be studied in great detail. We can't afford to take any chances, because we have no past experience to draw on."

Every operation is preceded by informal discussions with prospective patients or, in the case of children, with their parents. It is made clear to them that the device is still under investigation, that it is being offered as an alternative to surgery, and that there is no guarantee of success.

"After we have done, say, 30 or so operations, we can perhaps relax the rigid protocol," Dr Qureshi said. "But we have to develop our experience of putting these devices in, so we can't experiment with cases that are marginal or debatable until we know that we can do it right."

As the time for the first operation, on a young girl, approaches, the mood becomes more serious. The two doctors put on their theatre gowns and scrub before joining their colleagues around the operating table.

Each operation takes between two and a half and three hours, compared with an average of between four and five hours for open-heart surgery. The actual insertion takes only about 45 minutes, but before that the size of the hole has to be carefully measured by a process using small inflatable balloons to ensure that the cardioseal will match requirements.

Sometimes the verdict is unfavourable, and the patient is returned to the ward and later informed that there is no alternative to surgery. "At present we can't make a final judgment until the patient is on the table," Professor Tynan said. After the operation, the patient can go straight back to the ward, instead of to intensive care, and is usually sent home within 48 hours.

Other pioneering techniques used at the Evelina include "stents", metal tubes inserted in blocked veins or arteries to enlarge them; artificial coils to close the gap between the aorta and the pulmonary artery; and laser beams to burn holes in blocked valves.

But even the simplest looking device, such as the cardioseal, costs some £2,500, which the National Health Service will not pay. A defibrilator implanted in a child's heart costs some £20,000, and an echocardiogram £25,000. Medical miracles do not come cheap.

Professor Tynan, left, and Dr Qureshi prepare to operate on a young hole-in-the-heart patient

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NEWS IN BRIEF

## Girl, 9, missing since Thursday

**Police are searching for a nine-year-old girl who has been missing from her home in Chester for three days. Kayleigh Ward has not been seen since she went out to buy chips at 8.40pm on Thursday.**

**When she did not return her mother, Yvonne, thought she had gone to stay with a relative. Mrs Ward contacted police the next afternoon after searching for Kayleigh without success.**

**Police described Kayleigh as "streetwise" and said she was known to take time off school to hang around Chester city centre, where she knew many people. She was known there as "Oddbod" or "Oddie".**

## Drug cash gift

**Jersey police have been awarded more than $1 million (£600,000) by the American authorities for their help in tracking down the proceeds of drug trafficking. The cash was seized by the US Customs during a money laundering operation organised by a Texan drug smuggler. His Jersey-based trust company had informed local police who investigated.**

## Pupils' cane call

**Schoolchildren in Newark, Nottinghamshire, have written to their MP urging him to support their campaign to bring back caning. They told Richard Alexander that they wanted a return to corporal punishment because they were fed up with disruptive pupils misbehaving in classrooms. The Tory MP, who is also a solicitor, said that he supported the move.**

## Hunt arrests

**About 15 hunt protesters trapped a supporter and his two-year-old son in their Range Rover on a farm track as they followed the Suffolk Hunt near Long Melford. Up to £1,000 damage was caused to the vehicle before a 19-year-old woman and a man of 28, both from Cambridgeshire, were arrested for alleged criminal damage and public order offences.**

## Channel switch

**A fast catamaran service is to replace ferry sailings on the Ramsgate-Dunkirk route from May. Sally Ferries is teaming up with the fast-craft company Holyman to operate a 74-metre catamaran carrying 600 passengers and 84 cars and making eight 90-minute crossings a day. From March, the new partnership will also operate two catamarans to Ostend from Ramsgate.**

## Mother's death

**A mentally handicapped man has been found trying to feed and wash his mother a month after she died. Michael Brewer, 41, had told concerned neighbours in Southampton that his 71-year-old mother, Dorothy, was staying inside because she had a cold. When they called the police, Mrs Brewer's body was found in a chair. She had died of natural causes.**

## BA aid flight

**More than £3.6 million in unwanted foreign coins and notes has been given to charity by British Airways passengers and crew. Passengers now donate an average of £100,000 a month to the Change for Good scheme, which was set up in 1994. Saudi riyals, Hong Kong dollars, Japanese yen and Indian rupees are among the most popular currencies donated.**

## Sleepless nights

**More than a million parents are suffering from sleep deprivation inflicted by young children, a new study showed yesterday. Researchers at the Bristol Institute of Child Health found that two thirds of parents with babies between six and 18 months old are woken regularly, many up to eight times a night. The result was enormous stress on marriages and work.**

# Constant shadow of terrorism haunts envoys

**The once enviable life of diplomats has been made nightmarish by the need to guard against abduction, violence and murder, Michael Binyon writes**

DIPLOMACY is becoming a dangerous job. In the past 20 years, hundreds of diplomats have been assassinated, robbed, mugged, bombed, hijacked and held under duress.

Targets for fanatics, terrorists, asylum-seekers and criminal gangs, diplomats even in "safe" countries must prepare daily for the possibility of attack. Security and survival training are the essential first lessons of all courses preparing young men and women to represent their country.

Mob violence against foreign missions is nothing new and British diplomats have a long history of sang-froid under attack. When the Red Guards burnt the British Embassy in Peking during the Cultural Revolution, the staff had to run the gauntlet of chanting Chinese trying to block their way to safety. When Indonesians besieged and burnt the British Embassy in Jakarta, Sir Andrew Gilchrist, then Ambassador, walked round the flaming buildings playing the bagpipes.

For Britain, the violent new age of personal attacks on diplomats was savagely inaugurated with the kidnapping of James Cross, Britain's trade representative in Montreal, by Quebec separatists in 1970 and the seizure in 1971 of Geoffrey Jackson, the British Ambassador in Uruguay, who was held by Tupamaro guerrillas in tiny underground cells for eight months.

Since then violence has stalked British embassies. Two ambassadors have been murdered — in Dublin and The Netherlands — and several have been shot at, attacked or threatened.

Edward Chapman, the head of chancery in the rump British Embassy in Tehran, was kidnapped by six armed men in 1987 at a time when there were no diplomatic relations between the two countries. He was forced out of his car, assaulted in front of his wife and child, dragged away and held for 24 hours.

Jack Dodds, a Second Secretary in Pakistan, was among three European diplomats kidnapped at gunpoint as they drove into southern Afghanistan in 1993. Last year bandits shot Graeme Gibson, a diplomat in Kenya, while stealing his car. He died of his wounds.

Personal violence is a constant threat and this year the Foreign Office gave a warning that more and more countries are becoming unsafe. There has been an increase in violence, especially in Africa and the Third World generally, although random shootings and robbery are a matter for increasing concern also in Russia and East Europe.

All new diplomats are trained in personal security, risk avoidance and how to combat terrorism. The Foreign Office keeps a watchful eye on all risks, including regular intelligence assessments, but does not give the details: to do so would defeat the point of the training. But all anti-terrorist measures are broadly similar. Like wartime agents parachuted into enemy territory, diplomats are given psychological preparation for a possible ordeal: how to maintain mental stability during days of confinement and tension, how to get a dialogue going with kidnappers, how to avoid provocation and how to safeguard diplomatic and political secrets.

Such training has proved useful, not only when diplomats are taken hostage but also in assisting negotiations to free other British citizens kidnapped abroad. In the past year alone British diplomats have played key roles in negotiating with kidnappers who have seized Britons in Colombia, Indonesia and Kashmir. The tactics and skills of British diplomats, police and anti-terrorism experts are often in demand even in hijackings and sieges when no Britons are involved.

Training for terror, however, is a standard part of all Western diplomacy. Americans, who have suffered the most attacks, now live and work in embassy compounds that have been fortified to become what are hoped to be impregnable citadels. Diplomats must report their movements in advance, and security guards are always on patrol.

The worst spate of diplomatic kidnappings was in the 1970s, when urban guerrillas in Latin America abducted and murdered the German Ambassador to Guatemala, and in Brazil the envoys of America, Germany and Switzerland were seized and traded at a rising exchange rate for political prisoners. The decade ended with the seizure of the entire American Embassy in Tehran, lasting a record-breaking 444 days.

Since then, great efforts have been made by host governments to protect diplomats. Those from countries targeted by terrorist groups — America, Britain, Turkey and Israel, among others — are guarded in high-walled compounds by armed police.

Even in Germany the British Ambassador rarely goes out without a visible police escort in an armoured personnel carrier. Diplomacy has been constrained, but the number of incidents has fallen slowly, at least until the kidnapping in Peru.

The British envoy Geoffrey Jackson during his 1971 ordeal as a captive of urban guerrillas in Uruguay

# Tough Fujimori spurns demands of rebel gunmen

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN LIMA

PRESIDENT FUJIMORI has decided on a tough line with Peru's hostage-taking rebels. In a short weekend speech, he rejected the demands of the terrorists and refused to rule out an armed rescue attempt.

He described the actions of the rebels as "repugnant", but said he was willing to explore a peaceful solution "which does not violate the human rights of the hostages or captors".

About 30 heavily armed members of the Tupac Amarú Revolutionary Movement are holding more than 360 hostages at the Japanese Ambassador's residence in Lima.

The President's message overshadowed an announcement several hours earlier by Nestor Cerpa Cartolini, the rebel chief, that he would gradually release hostages not connected to Peru's government in the following hours and days.

In a four-minute speech, Señor Fujimori insisted that the rebels lay down their arms and release all hostages, saying this would be a clear way to prevent "the use of force by the Peruvian state".

"You cannot talk about a peace accord while using terror as the main argument," said the President, who built his political reputation on giving terrorists no quarter and locking them up.

Alluding to rebel demands that he free some 300 of their jailed comrades, he said: "Freeing people who commit murders and terrorist attacks is unacceptable ... they want dialogue while putting an AK rifle on the necks of the hostages."

A "non-violent" way out would be possible only if the rebels surrendered their weapons and released the hostages first, he said. "The proposal is concrete: the captors have to surrender their weapons to a guarantor committee and free all the hostages without exception."

The words, spoken sternly and quickly, were the President's first public statement since the hostage crisis began on Tuesday night.

Hopes of a solution without bloodshed faded further with a radio message from the rebel leader Cerpa, alias Comandante Evaristo, who said his men would lay down their arms only when some of their demands were met — especially that hundreds of their imprisoned comrades should be released from Peruvian jails.

Japan and Peru seem to be ironing out earlier differences over how to handle the crisis. The Japanese Prime Minister, Ryutaro Hashimoto, said he backs President Fujimori's firm line. "I want to make clear that the Government supports the proposals in his [President Fujimori's] message," said Mr Hashimoto.

Yesterday he recalled his Foreign Minister, Yukihiko Ikeda, who has been in Lima since Thursday night, seemingly urging a more conciliatory attitude towards the rebels.

Señor Fujimori's "tough talk", however, raises growing fears for the lives of the hostages. His Foreign Minister, Francisco Tudela, who is among the hostages, pleaded for "negotiations" in a radio link-up that was aired on television on Saturday. He urged for "some kind of direct communication line between the Government and the gunmen", indicating despair at the deadlock in talks.

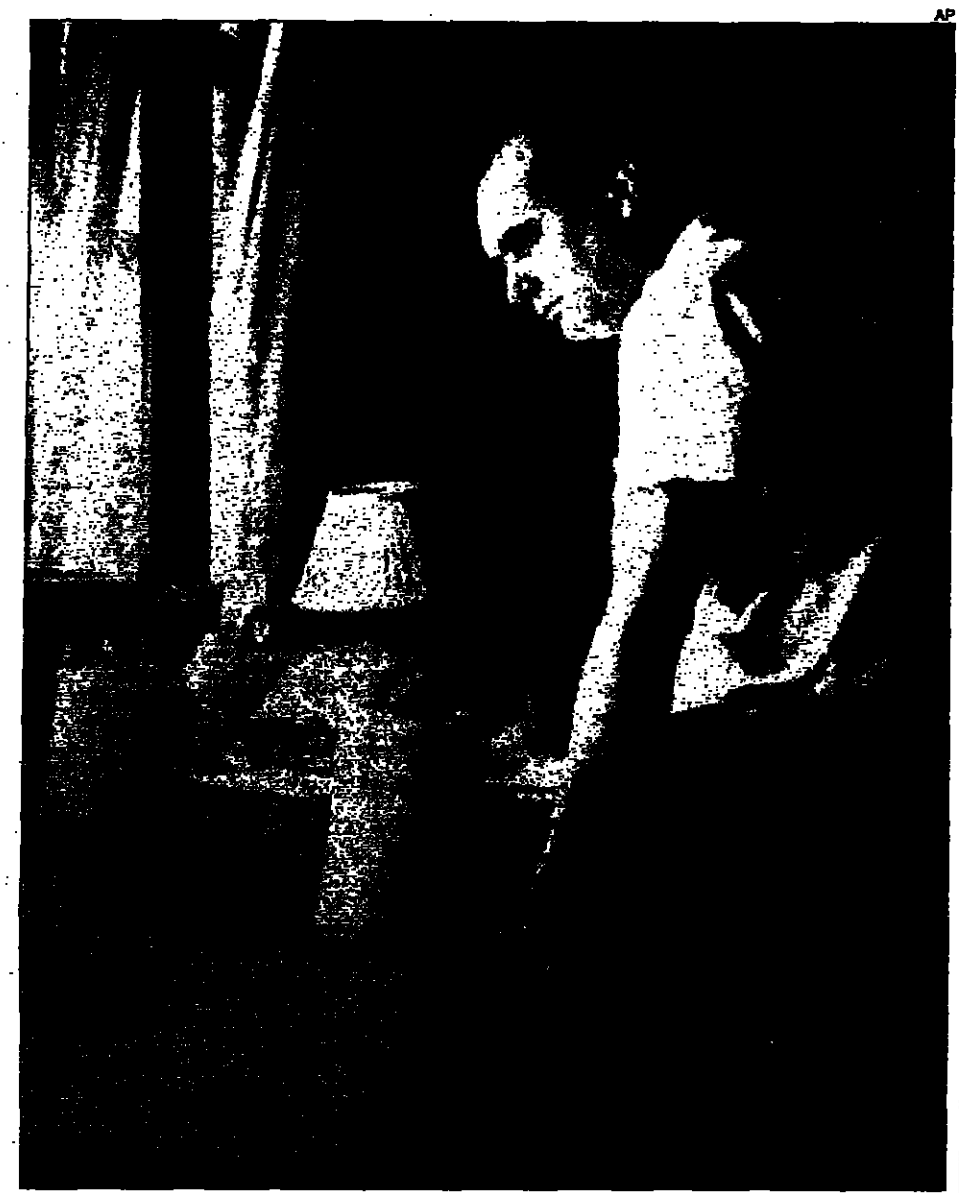
The Japanese Ambassador, Morihasa Aoki, echoed these worries and also spoke on the radio. "There are many seriously sick people in here. We are living in atrocious conditions," he said in a shaky voice. "It is indispensable that the Peruvian Government and the MRTA [Tupac Amarú] begin negotiations that ensure a peaceful end."

The first television pictures taken inside the building show the hostages crammed into rooms but seemingly calm, playing cards. It also appears that the Peruvian politicians are separated from the foreign dignitaries.

But what seems most worrying is the rebels' determination. "These people are trained to die for the cause," said a former member of the group.

☐ **Rome:** The Pope criticised the rebels in Peru and urged the gunmen to release the hostages. Their actions were "deplorable", he said.

"I cannot help but criticise such a cruel and immoral type of coercion," the Pope told pilgrims in St Peter's Square, in his weekly Angelus message. "Violence does not construct the future of a people," he added, speaking in Spanish. *(Reuter)*



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Francisco Tudela, the Peruvian Foreign Minister, looks out of a window of the Japanese Ambassador's residence. He has appealed for negotiations to begin

A group of hostages wait together in this picture shown yesterday on Lima's Channel 5 television

# Opposition to 'shadow' Milosevic

**Belgrade:** Serbian opposition leaders yesterday unveiled shadow governments for dozens of municipalities in their campaign against President Milosevic.

Shortly after the Union of Free Cities and Municipalities of Serbia was formed, about 100,000 protesters began marching through Belgrade. It was the thirty-third consecutive day of demonstrations against Mr Milosevic and his decision to annul election results in dozens of towns and cities won by the opposition.

Heavy rain did not appear to dampen the spirit of the protesters, who jeered and booed as they marched by the state television building to show their displeasure at its pro-Milosevic bias.

In Smederevo, southeast of the capital, officials of Mr Milosevic's Socialist Party convened another demonstration in his support. *(AP)*

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# China's blunt instrument faces Patten with death of 1,000 cuts

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY
IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG COUNTDOWN

THERE are now two governments in Hong Kong, one real and one shadow. The question is, which is which? And in the months leading up to the transfer of sovereignty, will Chris Patten, the Governor, be subjected to the political version of the Chinese death by a thousand cuts?

China's handpicked Selection Committee on Saturday chose the 60 members of the provisional legislature which is to replace the present elected Legislative Council on July 1. China had previously appointed Tung Chee-hwa as the Chief Executive to replace Mr Patten.

Thirty-three members of the provisional council are already members of the Legislative Council. Ten others were defeated in the December elections for the council, which is dominated by democrats and independents. Peking dismissed those elections as violating treaty agreements with Britain.

The provisional council will start meeting and passing laws at once, including legislation dealing with sedition and secession, and dismembering the Bill of Rights, notably guarantees of the freedom of the press and assembly. Although such laws will not come onto the books officially until July 1, their effects will be felt long before then.

Mr Patten has derided the provisional council as "an echo chamber" and ordered his officials to avoid it. But Mr Tung says that the present government should face reality and co-operate with the new chamber.

Mr Tung will soon appoint his own Executive Council and senior officials who, he acknowledges, will be ratified in Peking. He says his administration will be strongly "executive-led, much less political, devoted to stability", and will encourage "obligations rather than individual rights".

Mr Tung was a member of Mr Patten's Executive Council until June, when he resigned to prepare to take over as Chief Executive. Until then, Mr Patten and his spokesmen had declared that it was up to Mr Tung, already identified as Peking's man, to decide when it was "no longer appropriate for him to serve in the council". Two other members of the Executive Council, Vincent Cheng and Raymond Chien, were appointed by Peking to the selection committee.

A senior official said: "If Mr Patten started firing all the Executive Council members who cosy up to Peking, very soon there'd be no one in the room except him and Anson." This was a reference to Anson Chan, the Chief Secretary and Deputy Governor.

But Mr Tung says he wants Ms Chan to be his Chief Secretary. How will she and other senior officials now serving Mr Patten, but soon to be appointed by Mr Tung, reconcile their conflicting loyalties and self-interests? And what will they advise Mr Tung to do about the commemoration next June 4 of the Tiananmen Square killings?

This year a candle-lit vigil was held by tens of thousands of demonstrators in Hong Kong's vast Victoria Park. Qian Qichen, the Chinese Foreign Minister, has said a repeat will not be permitted after the handover. Mr Patten says it will be allowed in 1997.

Senior Chinese officials, who invariably snub Mr Patten when they visit here, will be arriving in increasing numbers in coming months.

They will be received by Mr Tung. Foreign dignitaries, too, while punctilious about calling on Mr Patten, will linger longer with the Chief Executive. Winston Lord, the US Assistant Secretary of State, did this recently, even before Mr Tung's formal appointment in Peking, explaining that his Shanghai-born wife and the Shanghai-born Mr Tung are old friends.

Soon no one will make such excuses.

## Governor denounces ruling body 'farce'

**Hong Kong:** Chris Patten, the Governor, will today have his first "summit" meeting with Hong Kong's post-colonial leader, Tung Chee-hwa (James Pringle writes).

The meeting will be a test of how much Mr Patten will be prepared to co-operate with Mr Tung, a former shipping magnate. At the weekend Mr Patten described the selection of the 60-member provisional council as "a bizarre farce".

At the meeting, to be held this afternoon at the Governor's residence which is likely to become a "museum of colonial history" after the handover, the two leaders are due to talk about co-operation between the Governor's outgoing administration, now widely seen as a lame duck, and Mr Tung's incoming Chinese one.

On Saturday, after the selection of the provisional council, Mr Patten went on local radio and, in a voice of barely controlled rage, said that, whereas more than one million people voted for the Legislative Council, Peking's new legislature had been "elected" by 400 people.

NEWS IN BRIEF

## Six die as raid ends jail siege

**Dhaka:** About 4,000 paramilitaries and armed police stormed a high-security jail in Jessore, western Bangladesh, to end a week-long siege by prisoners demanding an amnesty (Ahmed Fazl writes).

The operation began at dawn, when bulldozers knocked down barricades put up by an estimated 2,700 prisoners. At least six people were killed and hundreds injured. Hospital sources said many of the injured could die.

## Leader dilemma

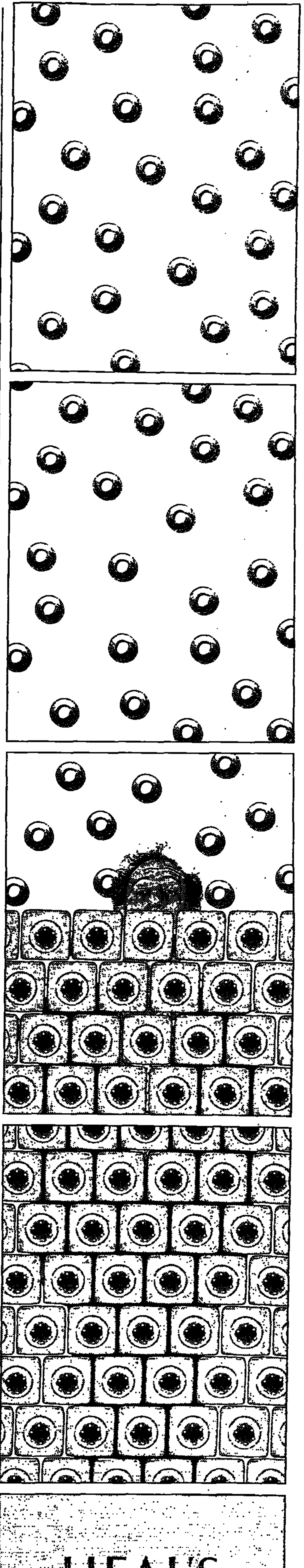
**Sofia:** Reformists in the Bulgarian Socialist Party, wrong-footed by Zhan Videnov's surprise resignation as Prime Minister, failed at an all-night meeting to agree on a candidate to replace him. *(Reuter)*

## Appeal to Eta

**Llodio:** Thousands of protesters marched through this Basque town to urge Eta separatists to free two hostages, the son of a leading glass factory owner and a prison official. *(AFP)*

## Ground control

**Paris:** As France strives to make public spending cuts to meet the criteria for European monetary union, its air force, which is running out of fuel, has been ordered to abandon all training exercises.



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# Seasonal lesson in how to fight hysteria with historical correctness

**THIS WEEK IN EUROPE**

If you have been helping a son or daughter with a Christmas quiz and the questions covered history, I'm willing to bet that none tested knowledge of Belarus, the Baltics or Bulgaria. The odds are that few will have mentioned continental Europe.

Britain's postwar school curriculum has been stubbornly resistant to the idea of Britain's entanglement with the rest of Europe. To see this as a defect and disadvantage has nothing to do with well-worn rows over the European Union: we have to know more about Europe irrespective of what happens between Britain and its neighbours in the coming decades. The breaking of federalism's intellectual monopoly in debate on Europe is an opportunity, not a threat.

The reorganisation of the National Curriculum last year provoked teachers to argue about whether they need to teach more on Europe than they currently do. Nick Tate, the Government's curriculum chief, has taken a lot of brickbats for insisting that children learn enough British history to give them a clear sense of identity and for failing to insist on a "European dimension". Next month, he will defend his views at a seminar in London organised by the Federal Trust. The root of the problem lies in the idea that "British" and "European" history are rivals; no British child will acquire much sense of identity without a European dimension. The question is what sort. The word "dimension" always rings alarm bells in my mind: scholarship is about to give way to special pleading. One of the Federal Trust's current projects, financed by the European Commission, aims to persuade schools to mount mock elections to the European Parliament in the summer of 1999 as part of children's education as "citizens of Europe".

This kind of propagandistic "education" gives the idea of learning about Europe a bad name. The project is directed by Frances Morrell, former adviser to Tony Benn and ex-leader of the defunct Inner London Education Authority, who is also urging the next government to write Europe into the next version of the National Curriculum, due out in 2000.

Ms Morrell's general case for more learning about Europe is unimpeachable, but she has in mind telling pupils about the wonders of EU Europe.

She can point to a 1988 ministerial agreement, adopted by Kenneth Baker, then the Education Secretary, among others, that schools would "prepare young people to take part ... in making concrete progress towards European Union." To fend off this kind of rubbish (and lumpy English), schools need to show they are not neglecting wider European history simply out of bad habit. Norman Davies, author of the first exciting single-volume history of Europe* published here since the 1930s, energetically denounces these ingrained biases. "Our children aren't taught in a way that gives them any vision of what Europe is," he says.

To focus his readers' minds, Professor Davies has turned the maps sideways in his book: Western, EU Europe perches on the tip on the vast hinterland of western Russia, Ukraine, Poland and the Balkans. "They can't see quite simple things like the fact that Budapest, Sofia and Warsaw are not only in Europe, but that they aren't even on its fringe."

He adds: "If everybody's back is turned, teachers soon pick this up and pass it on. There's no attempt to establish a body of knowledge which makes them aware." It is the body of knowledge, of course, which is the snag. French historians have been active organisers and writers of "joint", multilingual histories of Europe which, to no one's great surprise, turn out to see European unification along French lines as historically necessary and inevitable: none has been a best-seller. But children can roam more widely without pasteurised Euro-books. If Lord Tebbit read more history, he would not bang on about "a thousand years of the British parliament", when the Act of Union with Scotland only dates from 1707.

Here is a quiz question prompted by reading Professor Davies's appendix on the rise and fall of European states. Which European state has the longest unbroken history, founded in 1278?

Answer: Andorra.

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GEORGE BROCK

# Yeltsin prepares to purge 'slackers' on return to Kremlin

From Richard Beeston in Moscow

FOR the first time in nearly five months, President Yeltsin's motorcade will today sweep through the centre of Moscow and into the Kremlin, as the Russian leader belatedly begins his second term in office.

While many Russians will greet his return to power as an important step towards stability, others in his ruling circle will have good cause to regard the re-emergence of President Yeltsin on the political stage with trepidation.

Throughout his five years in power, the Russian leader has marked turning points in his career with sweeping personnel changes, and the signs are that a reshuffle is imminent to demonstrate both at home and abroad that President Yeltsin is back in charge.

On Friday, during a seven-minute televised interview, the Russian leader said that he planned to make a full assessment of how his ministers and aides performed in his absence and vowed to take to task any "slackers".

"The euphoria after elections and my absence caused certain officials to relax," the Russian leader said. "If any of them hopes it will continue like this, they are dead wrong. "We will make calls on everybody — no one will be allowed to rest on their laurels," he said. "We will part with those who dare not show their faces in public."

Russian commentators have speculated that the figure most at risk is Anatoli Chubais, the young technocrat who runs the presidential administration. His power and influence during President Yeltsin's absence earned him the title of "regent" and made him one of the most hated figures in the country. President Yeltsin sacrificed him almost exactly a year ago when he needed to improve his public profile and he may do so again.

"On the one hand, Yeltsin has an interest in keeping Chubais in office as a competent and hard-working person. On the other hand, the President is known to dislike people who can present a challenge to his authority," wrote Tatyana Malkina, the Kremlin correspondent of the daily *Segodnya* newspaper.

However, other figures responsible for the recent crisis over uncollected and unpaid taxes may also be in the firing line, among them Yevgeni Yasin, the Economy Minister, and Aleksandr Livshits, Finance Minister.

But, if there are purges at the top, there will also be the opportunity for promotions. Anatoli Kulikov, the controversial Interior Minister who once commanded Russian forces in Chechnya, is widely tipped to become a Deputy Prime Minister.

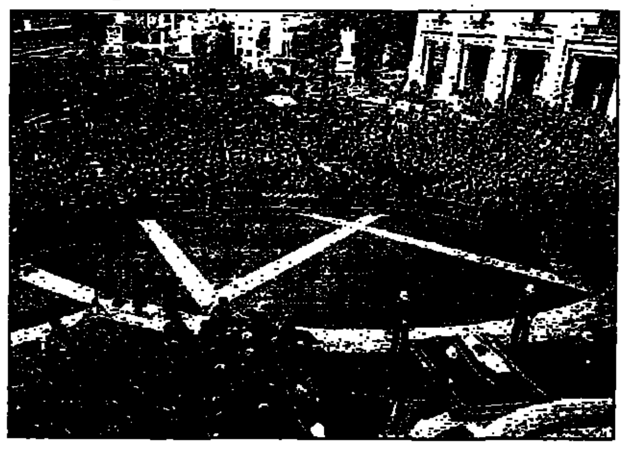
Another likely beneficiary of President Yeltsin's return to office is Tatyana Dyachenko, the Kremlin leader's younger daughter. According to Georgi Satarov, a presidential political adviser, Mrs Dyachenko could become the Kremlin's Chief Press Officer.

Elsewhere in the former Soviet Union, hundreds of thousands of separatists in Moldova's breakaway republic of Trans-Dnestr went to the polls yesterday to elect a President. In the latest sign of defiance against the authorities in Kishinev, Igor Smirnov, the incumbent, appeared to be headed for a comfortable re-election win over Vladimir Malakhov, a local manager.

☐ **Mine deaths:** Five boys aged between ten and 12 died yesterday when they stepped on mines beside a road six miles from Grozny, the Chechen capital. *(Reuter)*

PAOLA COCCO/REUTER

The film star Sophia Loren at yesterday's civic ceremony in Rome, at which thousands, below, paid their respects to the actor Marcello Mastroianni



# Rome bids a sad farewell to loved son Mastroianni

From John Phillips in Rome

ROME bade a tearful farewell yesterday to Marcello Mastroianni, the actor who personified the quintessential Latin lover of the 1960s *dolce vita* era. At a moving civic ceremony in Campidoglio Square, the women in his life set aside their differences to mourn their common love, who died in Paris on Thursday of pancreatic cancer.

"This is one of the saddest days of my life," said a sobbing Sophia Loren. "I spent 20 years making films with him and Vittorio di Sica [the director]. So one could say that my youth has died with Marcello." At Signora Loren's side and also weeping was Flora Carabella, the actor's wife.

Both women were comforted by Francesco Rutelli, the Mayor of Rome, as the screen idol's simple coffin was carried from the square on its way to the city's Verano cemetery. As the service, attended by thousands of people, ended, the haunting music from the film *8½*, directed by Federico Fellini, echoed across the square under a bright winter sun.

On Saturday at least 15,000 people, led by President Scalfaro, filed past the coffin in the Campidoglio Palace to pay their respects to the 72-yesar-old actor. The tributes continued for three hours before yesterday's service, with Alberto Sordi, the veteran comic actor, and Signora Loren, wearing a green and scarlet scarf over a black dress, among the last to arrive. By then the coffin was wholly covered in flowers.

Describing the actor as "the king of the common people" because of his tough childhood in a Rome suburb, *Il Messaggero* said that the lack of friction between his "harem" of women was "the last miracle of a *dolce vita*".

The women in the actor's life had agreed that one of his greatest loves, Catherine Deneuve (whom he always called "Caterina"), should arrange the Roman Catholic funeral held for him in a chic Parisian church last week. Anna Maria Tatò, his last companion, also attended that ceremony.

"With his violent passions, shared with Faye Dunaway, Marthe Keller and the other women, Mastroianni had a hectic romantic, and therefore very much envied, life," said *Il Messaggero*. "He set up different families and loved, and was loved, by the most interesting women in the world."

Signor Mastroianni always refused to end his troubled marriage to Flora. "I have no wish to divorce, not because I regard marriage as a sacrament, but because I see divorce as a great pain," he said.

In the wake of his death, the Roman press has wondered if the actor, renowned for his generosity to the many women in his life, had left money to any of them or if he had even made a will.

In the 1960s, the profligate spending of Signor Mastroianni was legendary. After the success of *La Dolce Vita*, he continued to play the part of the playboy, driving around Rome in Ferraris and Maseratis.

In 1966 he bought a sprawling villa on the Via Appia Antica, the Roman consular road, and subsequently also acquired properties at Lucca and Castiglioncello.

Between 1968 and 1974 his generosity to Mme Deneuve and to Ms Dunaway was reported to be unbounded. He also did his best for his daughters, Barbara, whom he had by Flora, and Chiara, the daughter of Mme Deneuve.

"He had to think about too many people," *Il Messaggero* said. "Marcello used to say that women had given him a great deal but that some of them also had asked for a lot in return."

# Farmers lift barricades in Greece

Athens: Militant farmers yesterday lifted their road and rail blockades which had crippled Greece and let land transport move freely for the first time in 24 days.

It was a big victory for Costas Simitis, the Prime Minister, who had refused to yield to the farmers' demands.

The barricades, made up of thousands of tractors, had caused transport chaos and inflicted more than £60 million damage on the economy. Within hours of the decision to call off the protest — by the main farmers' committee in Thessaly — long stretches of motorways looked like abandoned refugee camps. Clean-up crews moved in to clear the mess.

The farmers said the decision was a seasonal gesture to the Greek public which had supported them throughout their struggle. They had wanted lower fuel prices, higher price supports, lower VAT on equipment and the rescheduling of £780 million in debts. *(Reuter)*

# Defections by 11 MPs blight hopes of 'dictatorial' Dini

From John Phillips in Rome

THE ambition of Lamberto Dini, the Italian Foreign Minister, to become Prime Minister again hit a snag yesterday after 11 renegade MPs angrily resigned from his party Rinnovamento Italiano (Italian Renewal), complaining bitterly of his "dictatorial tendencies".

Signor Dini founded the political grouping to contest the general election held in April and it was crucial in the victory of the centre-left Olive Tree alliance headed by Romano Prodi, the Prime Minister. However, on Saturday a meeting of the party's 25 members of the Chamber of Deputies, the lower house of parliament, became acrimonious as seven former Socialist Party members, headed by Enrico Boselli, declined to serve any longer under the leadership of Signor Dini.

Also deeply dissatisfied with the leadership of *Il Rospo* (the Toad), as Signor Dini is known to the Italian press, were three members of the "Italian Pact," a mini-party for constitutional reform headed by Mario Segni, a Sardinian politician who masterminded a referendum that introduced an end to Italy's archaic proportional representation voting system.

These defections left the Foreign Minister with only 14 deputies still loyal to him, which is less than the quorum required to form a parliamentary group in Italy, meaning he may have to dissolve his party. Signor Boselli threatened also to tear asunder Signor Dini's party in the Senate, the upper house, "because there are insufficient conditions for the unity of a group in which a single component has tried to dominate an alliance between different political parties".

Signor Dini began his parliamentary career as a man of the Right, serving as Treasury Minister in the Government headed by Silvio Berlusconi, the media tycoon and head of the conservative Forza Italia party. However, he threw in his lot with the Left this year, on the ground that he was concerned by the activities of Gianfranco Fini, the "post-Fascist" National Alliance leader.

The parliament yesterday approved the Government's 1997 austerity budget, drawn up in a last-gasp effort to prepare for the launch of the single European currency. The package, which aims to slice £25 million from next year's projected deficit, was passed by the lower house of parliament by 316 votes to two, with two abstentions.

☐ **Christ's millions:** Italy's parliament has approved a Bill granting about £1.4 billion to projects in Rome to mark the 2,000th anniversary of Christ's birth, parliamentary sources said. The decision was keenly awaited by those involved in preparations for the celebrations, when about 40 million pilgrims and tourists are expected in the city during the holy year. *(AFP)*

# Drinks on £180m Fat One at Costa Blanca bar

From Edward Owen
in Madrid

HYSTERICAL screams erupted at Bar Miguelin in a poor suburb of Valencia on Spain's Costa Blanca yesterday. Number 56169, which clients had shared in *El Gordo* (the Fat One), the world's biggest state-run cash lottery, had just been declared the winner of the top £180 million prize. Their share of the winnings was £15 million. They had stuck resolutely to the same number for four years for the twice-weekly state lottery draws. Clients found that the 500 pesetas (£2 38p) tickets they had bought from the bar owner, Miguel Ortiz, were going to pay out at 10,000-1. One man found he was worth £2.38 million.

Within minutes the Valencia street was packed with revellers. If there was mayhem at Miguel's bar, there was less physical, but equal delight, down the road at the old folk's club. Here the Association of Pensioners was also a winner, as were stallholders at Valencia's central market.

*El Gordo* paid out a total of £800 million in prizes from Menorca to the Canary Islands. Spaniards had invested more than £30 each. It took three hours yesterday morning for the boys and girls of San Idelfonso Orphanage in Madrid to chant out the hundreds of numbers and their corresponding prizes.

☐ **Flood havoc:** Torrential rain added to flood havoc in southern Spain yesterday after a week of downpours. About 50 roads were closed and two rail links cut. A child of two and a 42-year-old were killed in León, northwest Spain, when their bus skidded in rain and hit a truck. Three other passengers were hurt

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# Confession by Gingrich threatens job as Speaker

From Ian Brodie in Washington

NEWT GINGRICH was fighting to save his job as Speaker last night after his stunning confession, following two years of denials, that he had broken ethics rules of the House of Representatives.

In a statement, Mr Gingrich admitted to having "brought down on the people's House a controversy which could weaken the faith people have in their government". An ethics subcommittee concurred, saying he had brought discredit on the House by failing to seek legal advice before using tax-exempt funds for political purposes and by then providing the committee with "inaccurate, incomplete and unreliable information" about the money.

Mr Gingrich agreed that false statements were given to the committee over his signature. "I accept responsibility for this and I deeply regret it," he said. He had sought no personal gain, but "clearly I wish this had not happened."

These were words of extraordinary contrition for the man who led the Republican takeover of the House two years ago with swaggering self-confidence. Recalling how he had hoped to inspire Americans to take control of their destiny, he conceded: "I was over-confident and, in some ways, naive."

His political foes were making much of the fact that Mr Gingrich inspired the ethics charges that brought down another Speaker, Jim Wright, a Democrat, who was forced to resign in 1989 over charges of using the office to enrich himself.

The question now is whether the humility of Mr Gingrich will be enough. His allies in the Republican leadership swung into damage control yesterday, urging his re-election when the new House votes for a Speaker on January 7. They claimed to be confident of victory, which will require the votes of 218 of 227 House Republicans.

In a letter to them, their chairman, John Boehner, tried to soften the impact. He said Mr Gingrich's willingness to acknowledge an unintentional mistake was refreshing, and while the error was regrettable it was not significant enough for him to step down as Speaker.

Democrats took a much harsher view, demanding that he leave the office which, unlike Britain, carries powerful political leadership and is second in line to the presidency after the Vice-President. David Bonior, Democratic whip and a leading antagonist, accused Mr Gingrich of a pattern of tax fraud, lies and cover-ups.

The ethics committee has yet to decide what punishment to recommend to the full House, but the humble tone of Mr Gingrich's confession was in effect a plea bargain. While Democrats are pressing for censure that would remove him as Speaker, Mr Gingrich is seeking a less serious reprimand that would not preclude his becoming Speaker again.

Mr Gingrich's troubles stemmed from a college course he taught and a televised public forum three years ago. Both were politically partisan, but were paid for and run by non-profit organisations with tax-exempt status.

The committee faulted Mr Gingrich for not seeking legal advice about the legality of the tax-exempt financing for political activity. Tax lawyers told the committee they would have advised against it. Mr Gingrich agreed he had been careless and wrong not to seek legal counsel to ensure compliance with the law.

The committee also found it was misled by two letters by and on behalf of Mr Gingrich falsely denying that Mr Gingrich's political action committee was connected with the college course when its officials developed and administered it.

PETER NICHOLLS

Nazarenes walking through the souk of the town where Jesus grew up. Vendors compete to sell souvenirs to a diminishing number of pilgrims

# Donkey work is now shifting rubbish in squalid town of Jesus

From Christopher Walker in Nazareth

WERE Joseph and Mary to make the Christmas journey today, they would find immigrants from the former Soviet Union in the donkey market and Russian prostitutes being touted in the hotel named after the archangel Gabriel.

The insignificant Galilee village in which Jesus grew up almost 2,000 years ago is today the largest Arab town in Israel with a population of 60,000. Of those, at least 60 per cent are Muslims.

A further 60,000 Israelis, many from the former Soviet republics, live in Nazareth Illit or Upper Nazareth, a Jewish development town whose functional architecture is anything but biblical. It was built on land that Arabs claim was seized by Jews to form a barrier between Nazareth proper and other Arab villages to the northeast.

According to the Israel Tourist Information Office, which sits among the blow-up Santas and tasteless decorations (including a Father Christmas rug in Palestine Liberation Organisation colours) with which the Arab shopkeepers try to extract money from a dwindling number of pilgrims, there are no donkeys left for hire in Nazareth.

Many donkeys are still to be found in the town, but all are used by the municipality to collect rubbish from the narrow, winding streets of the Old City above the Church of the Annunciation.

"There are 20 collectors working with the donkeys and all are from the former Soviet Union," said Andrei, from the Ukraine. "Even the Arabs refuse to do this demeaning kind of work now and we are the only ones who will do it." He used to be a photographer. Among other members of the donkey squad are a former ballet star from Uzbekistan who won the title "Hero of the Soviet Union", and Yacov, a former truck driver from Belarus.

Although animal rights campaigners are agitating to have the donkeys replaced by vehicles, Arab residents are sceptical. "This city has been neglected for so long financially by the Jews that we do not expect a rapid change," said Bishop Riah Abu el-Assal, the leading Anglican churchman.

Andrei, although a Christian — as are at least a third of the 700,000 immigrants who have arrived in Israel since the collapse of communism — was unmoved by the religious associations of Nazareth, where Jesus is reputed to have spent 28 years, despite a $100 million (£62 million) refurbishment programme now under way for millennium celebrations.

"It is dirty and a dump, without decent work for its inhabitants or even pleasant buildings," he complained. "My wife is Jewish, but we are hoping to leave for Budapest where I will start a proper job as a taxi driver. At least there the people will treat me with some respect."

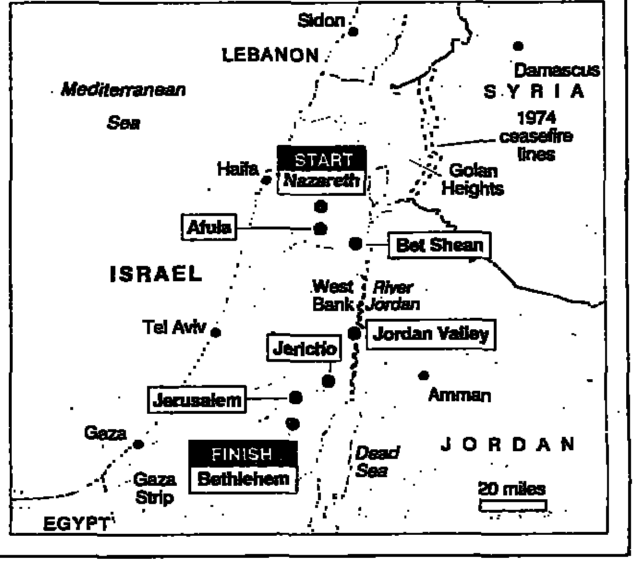
Close to the stinking stable where the donkeys are housed is the former "Carpenters' Quarter". This area is in decline as craftsmen have moved away from Nazareth's traffic jams or joined the continuing exodus of Arab Christians from the Holy Land. The bishop estimates they now form 15 per cent of the population.

Ashad Abu Nahleh, 42, is the owner of one of only four carpentry shops where until a few years ago there were 30. Last Christmas, he and his wife and their three children made the journey to Bethlehem. "In Joseph's time, it would have taken at least six days, with Mary riding on a donkey," he said. "We went in a Fiat Punto and it took less than four hours."

Amid the urban sprawl of modern Nazareth, new temptations face those pilgrims who have braved the threat of Jewish-Arab violence to visit the spot where, according to Luke, the archangel Gabriel appeared before Mary and told her: "You will conceive and bring forth a son and call him Jesus."

In the bar of the St Gabriel Hotel, Albert, the Israeli Arab in charge of organising Christmas festivities, leant over and whispered: "I have six Russian girls in Upper Nazareth. If you are interested, I will drive you over — it is a service for special guests."

*This is the first in a series on a journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem by* The Times *Middle East correspondent.*



# Onassis will falls short of estimates

**New York: The children of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis's will almost certainly not set up a planned charitable trust with their inheritance because their mother's estate is worth far less than originally thought at the time of her death in 1994 (James Bone writes).**

**In court documents, the former First Lady's executors have valued her estate — widely believed to have exceeded $100 million (£60 million) — at just $43.7 million. Mrs Kennedy Onassis made provision for the creation of a tax-free trust, named after her two children, that would make annual donations to charity for 24 years before passing the money to her grandchildren.**

**After distributing property to the children, making bequests and paying expenses, the estate has $18 million left, but owes $23 million in death duties. The children are liable for the shortfall.**

Onassis: children owe $5 million death duties

# Islamic hardliners test tolerance of Morocco

From Tunku Varadarajan in Marrakesh

ISLAMIC fundamentalism is making clear strides in Morocco, the one North African country to have resisted its advance so far.

Young religious radicals, watched over keenly by the Moroccan authorities and muzzled by no-nonsence laws, are resorting to guileful ways to spread their message, now focused on women.

Female "moralists", unable to proselytise openly for fear of arrest, have targeted *hammams* — segregated public baths — preaching to fellow customers the virtues of the veil, the evils of Western ways and the urgent need for a state governed by Sharia (Islamic law). The authorities have taken increasingly to posting policewomen at *hammams*, but their ranks are not extensive enough to counter this new phenomenon.

Yet for all its apprehension, the Moroccan Government is better placed than any other in the region to keep Islamic fundamentalism in check.

Unlike in neighbouring Algeria, riven by bloody civil war, Islam has always enjoyed considerable breathing space in Morocco. King Hassan, whose dynasty boasts direct descent from the family of the Prophet Muhammad, has used his status as Emir al-Muminin (Commander of the Faithful) to masterly effect, appropriating Islamic imagery for use in official rhetoric.

Now in the 35th year of his reign, the King has never advocated the kind of relentless secularism which has reaped such a backlash in Algeria and, to a lesser extent, in Tunisia and Egypt. He is not unduly paranoid in his approach to fundamentalist parties, and has even described their members as "basically good people who are devout Muslims". Showing all the strategic sense of a consummate survivor, he has sown divisions among the main Islamic parties by offering political legitimacy in exchange for an oath of allegiance to the monarchy.

The second largest Islamic party, al-Islah wa Tajdid (Reform and Renovation), has accepted the King's overtures. Its leader, Abdelilah Benkirane, 42, a former physics teacher, said recently: "Morocco's monarchy has Islamic legitimacy, and is both our social arbiter and the cement for national unity." Wags in Rabat, the capital, joked that King Hassan himself could not have written a better script for Mr Benkirane. But the largest Islamic party, al-Adl wa al-Ihsan (Justice and Spirituality), remains a banned organisation. Its leader, Abdesslame Yassine, is in his sixth year of house arrest, having stubbornly refused to reach an accord with the King. The party is believed to have 20,000 clandestine members, many in the universities, and the authorities fear its highly motivated cells are present in the Army, the Civil Service, the legal and teaching professions, and among doctors.

Speaking to *The Times* at his spartan flat in Rabat, Arslame Fatallah, the party's second-in-command, accuses the Government of "harassment, detention and torture" of his members. He said: "We are a non-violent party which demands for the people of Morocco the right to be governed by representatives of their own choice, and by the laws of their own religion." Although he refused to say so outright ("the subject is absolutely taboo in Morocco"), he implied transparently that his party could not accept that the monarch had any religious status whatsoever.

It cannot be denied, however, that most Moroccans are transfixed by the religious charisma of the King, and it is this factor which has served as an antidote to Islamic fundamentalism. With the exception of Mr Yassine's movement, Morocco's opposition parties call not for the abolition of the monarchy, but only for its reform.

## Algerian rebels die in farm lair

**Paris: Algerian security forces killed 18 Muslim rebels when they stormed a hide dug by suspected guerrillas underneath some greenhouses on a farm south of here, an Algerian newspaper said yesterday. The French-language *Liberté* said they were believed to be a splinter faction from the Armed Islamic Group. *(Reuter)***

# Rock cafés duel for limelight in Beirut

From Nicholas Blandford
in Beirut

SIX years after Lebanon's warring militias hung up their guns, the battles now being fought on the streets of Beirut are between international fast-food restaurants desperate to attract the thousands of affluent young Lebanese who returned from the West at the end of the 16-year civil war.

The latest conflict is being fought between two rival hard rock cafés. The original Hard Rock Café, owned by the Rank Organisation, opened for business yesterday but was preceded by a rival Canadian chain, which opened its version last month. While both restaurants sport the same name and similar logos and are replete with rock 'n' roll memorabilia, Marwan Shehadeh, of Rockaf, the franchisee of the London-based restaurant, played down any resemblance. The new Hard Rock Café has "a 45ft high guitar made from 25,000 light bulbs hanging on the outside of the building," Mr Shehadeh says. "It will be the first sight of Beirut for all planes landing at the airport."

Certainly some of Beirut's young swingers are looking forward to gazing at the restaurant's rock memorabilia that include a leather jacket which once belonged to Madonna and the handwritten lyrics to John Lennon's *Imagine*.

Both cafés face competition. Names such as The Lone Star Café, Henry J.Bean's, Pizza Hut, Kentucky Fried Chicken, the Baskin Robbins Ice Cream Parlour and Shrimpy, the US-owned seafood chain, have opened in the last three years and attract youngsters emulating the lifestyles they left in the West. The latest to arrive is Planet Hollywood, the first in the Middle East.

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# 'It's like finding a family of Neanderthals living in 1996'

Mysterious skulls unearthed on the Indonesian island of Java suggest that *Homo erectus*, a primitive ancestor of modern man, existed just 27,000 years ago. **Anjana Ahuja** reports

The world of anthropology has been turned on its head. Fossils found on the Indonesian island of Java suggest that *Homo erectus*, an ape-like ancestor of modern man, existed a mere 27,000 years ago.

Why has this simple date caused such a rumpus? *Homo erectus* was thought to have died out about 200,000 years ago, leaving the planet the exclusive domain of their more advanced descendants — human beings, or *Homo sapiens*. Now scientists suspect that in the midst of this extinction, a small *erectus* community survived on Java until between 53,000 and 27,000 years ago. In other words, prehumans stalked the Earth at the same time as human beings. As a report in today's issue of *Newsweek* puts it: "It's like finding a family of Neanderthals living in 1996."

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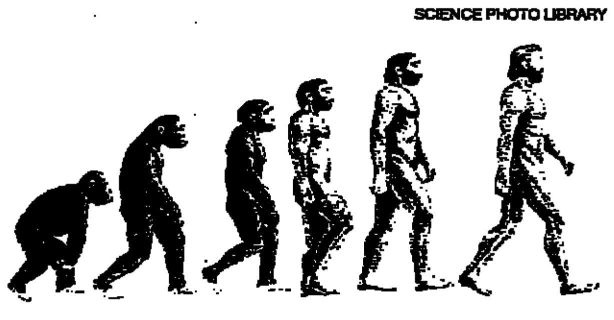

Were prehumans around at the same time as human beings?

If these dates are accurate, there are many provocative questions raised by this unexpected overlap between human beings and our primitive ancestors. Did this small, strange tribe ever meet humans, go to war with them or interbreed? And since the beetle-browed Neanderthals, a subspecies of *Homo sapiens* and our most direct ancestors, were wiped out only 30,000 years ago, isn't it just possible that all three species coexisted? Also, the revelations will do nothing for creationists, who support the biblical notion of the uniqueness of mankind.

The major upset, though, has come in the field of anthropology. There are two dominant theories on human evolution. The first, nicknamed the Out of Africa theory, is that prehumans evolved in one place (Africa) and then migrated 1.8 million years ago to Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Then, 1.6 million years later, or 200,000 years ago, human beings appeared in Africa. In a second wave of migration, humans spread through the world, displacing prehumans.

The alternative explanation, called multi-regionalism, contends that this second migration never happened. Instead, the *Homo erectus* communities around the world evolved naturally into *Homo sapiens*. The new finding has put this second theory under threat — after all, why should natural evolution take place everywhere *except* Java?

Supporters of the multi-regionalism argument have found the results hard to stomach. However, Dr Carl Swisher, the geologist who led the research, is unrepentant. "Whenever you try to drastically change the age of a species, especially when there are two opposing theories, you are bound to run up against opposition," he says. "This work is only one little piece in a big puzzle, but it happens to support the Out of Africa theory."

Dr Swisher, from the Berkeley Geochronology Centre in California, and colleagues in America and Canada, dropped their bombshell just over a week ago in the American journal *Science*. But the story started three years ago, when Dr Swisher decided to examine some skulls unearthed in Java in the Thirties.

The 12 partial skulls, found near the villages of Ngandong and Sambungmacan, had eluded definitive ageing. Experts guessed from their peculiarly large braincases that they were between 100,000 and 400,000 years old; in other words, they could have been either *erectus* or *sapiens*. However, many palaeontologists, including Susan Anton, from Florida University, a co-author on the *Science* paper, plumped for *Homo erectus*.

A tantalising possibility loomed — was it possible that *erectus* could have survived as recently as 100,000 years ago, instead of dying out 200,000 years ago as believed? Dr Swisher and two Canadian colleagues — Henry Schwarcz and Jack Rink, from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario — embarked on a mission to find out the true ages of the skulls. But there was a big problem — the authorities in Java would not let them chip a small sample off in case the delicate skulls were destroyed.

The team came up with a solution. An expedition to the sites furnished them with animal teeth plucked from the same fossil bed as the skulls. They assumed, contentiously, that because the teeth came from the same spot, they would be the same age as the skulls.

The scientists tried electron spin resonance dating, which put the enamel teeth at between 27,000 and 53,000 years old, suggesting the skulls were this age, too. "These numbers seemed too young," Dr Swisher says. "We decided to date additional specimens, and specimens from other sites. We got the same number."

An alternative dating method, using the radioactive decay of uranium in fossils, threw up the same numbers. By now, word of the result was beginning to leak out. Dr Swisher says: "We knew we either had to talk fast or publish fast. It's not good to stir up controversy over hearsay. So, as we had run out of tests, we decided to go with what we had." The backlash was swift. But given the importance of the story — both *Newsweek* and *Time* today devote swaths of space to arguments and counter-arguments — it was inevitable. Critics claim that the assumption that the teeth and skulls date back to the same era is misguided.

Dr Swisher retorts that there is no evidence to suggest that the Java sites harbour specimens from more than one time period. "The ad hoc chance of selecting multiple specimens from a mixed-age site, and finding them all to be the same age, is, geologically speaking, impossible," he says. The skulls' cranial capacity falls between *erectus* and *sapiens*, leaving a faint possibility that it might be a human skull.

As for trying to date the skulls themselves, Dr Swisher says that although it would be helpful, bone does not date as accurately as enamel. "The only hope is that there are plant remains from the same location, which would allow us to try carbon dating," he says.

Meanwhile, Dr Swisher maintains that their results are the most accurate. "The only possible reason for people not to believe them is that they don't want the Java hominids to be young. That's because it is so different from the dogma we have believed for so many years."

If no carbon remains are found, the Java skulls will have triumphed in keeping their extraordinary histories a mystery. However, the shadow they have cast over our ideas of evolution is likely to hang in the air for a very long time.

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The apparent overlap between human beings and our ape-like ancestors will do nothing for the creationist theory

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## Meteor 'life forms' could be mineral, a new report suggests

# Doubts over life on Mars

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Nigel Hawkes

THE worm-like objects found in Martian meteorites and hailed as evidence of life on Mars are not animal but mineral, a new examination suggests.

The crystals of iron oxide found inside them show a pattern of growth which is sometimes seen in minerals produced by volcanoes, but never in living things. The temperatures needed to produce them are also too high for life, a US team has reported.

A second study suggests that the oily hydrocarbon molecules found inside the meteorite are the result of contamination as it lay for 12,000 years in the Antarctic, and not of life on Mars. The same compounds have been identified in a sample of Antarctic ice.

The new challenges cast doubt on the claims made by scientists from the US space agency Nasa in August, and hailed by President Clinton, that the microscopic objects found in the meteorite are evidence of life. But Professor Colin Pillinger of the Open University, the first to identify lifelike features in Martian meteorites, is unworried by the new evidence.

"Our claims are based on six to eight lines of argument, which all add together to make a strong case for life on Mars," he said. "An attack on just one of those doesn't demolish the case."

The new evidence comes from geoscientists Ralph Harvey, of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, John Bradley, of a company called MVA, based in Norcross, Georgia, specialising in microsopic analysis, and Harry McSween, of the University of Tennessee.

They have examined the magnetite particles from within the Martian "fossils" using a technique called ion milling, which enables them to prepare samples a few millionths of a centimetre thick.

These fine slices were then viewed in an electron microscope.

The team reported last week in the journal *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* that when they looked at the magnetite particles lengthwise, they found a dark line running up the centres.

"These things grew like a tightly wound spiral staircase, and this line is the axis around which the staircase winds," Dr McSween told *New Scientist*.

This pattern of crystal growth is called an axial screw dislocation, and is only found on Earth at fumaroles, volcanic vents where hot gases emerge from the ground, condensing to form whiskers that grow like a staircase.

It has not been found in magnetite produced by living things.

Defenders of the life on Mars hypothesis argue that this was only one plank in their platform, and that the rest remains intact.

## The bees that do a bird's job

LAST Christmas Dave Kelly and Jenny Ladley of the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand, revealed the sad story of the decline of a variety of mistletoe with exploding flower buds.

The plant was threatened because the buds cannot open themselves, but need a bird to pop them open and pollinate the plants. Native birds with the right twist-grip needed to open the buds are becoming scarce, putting the future of the plants in jeopardy. In this week's *Nature*, they provide a more encouraging follow-up. In the absence of birds, tiny solitary bees of the genus *Hylaeus* have proved up to the job of popping the buds. They are not as good as the birds, but they still double the number of seeds ripened per flower, which could be the difference between extinction and survival for the mistletoe.

Nowhere else in the world, say the scientists, has a bee learned to do a bird's work. New Zealand has no native land mammals, though plenty of imported ones, and provides an extreme example of how one species can take over another's niche in an impoverished island fauna.

## An early start to trading

STONE Age man sailed across the Pacific 6,000 years ago, according to telltale traces of the mineral obsidian found at an archaeological site in Borneo. This puts back the earliest date for long distance trading across the Pacific by 2,500 years.

Archaeologists Stephen Chia and Robert Tykot told a meeting of the Materials Research Society in Boston earlier this month that the flecks of the volcanic black mineral found at Bukit Tengkorak originated more than 2,000 miles away to the east, on the island of New Britain and one of the Admiralty Islands. There are no sources of obsidian close to the Borneo site.

The claim is based on the relative abundance of 11 different compounds in the mineral. Materials derived from the sediments in which the obsidian was found have been carbon-dated to 4,000 BC. Previously, the first evidence of long-distance trading dates to 1,600 BC, when seafarers left traces of pottery, obsidian, and other ornaments across the central Pacific. If accepted, the finding is likely to affect understanding of how and when the islands of the Pacific were peopled.

**Joe Joseph** orders a suit from Savile Row via Shanghai; **Jane Shilling** hasn't a thing to put on

# Taking the measure of the man

Just because clothes say a lot about a man, don't rush to false conclusions. For example, when you look at most men strolling along the street — jacket slightly too tight, trousers so short that they look as if they're recoiling with embarrassment from those scuffed shoes below, white shirt collar Tippexed to mask yesterday's sweat stains — it is easy to assume that it took them all of six minutes to get dressed that morning. But if you bothered to stop to ask them, you'd discover that it took only three minutes.

There is an an important scientific message hidden in here concerning how we men hypothesise about our appearance. We hypothesise that wearing an anonymous navy business suit ensures that, no matter *which* navy business suit we choose, we will look (a) much the same, and (b) more or less presentable.

All men believe this immutable Newtonian law until they reach that stage in their sartorial progress when they come face-to-face with a full-length mirror.

This is the moment when many men decide to buy a decent suit. (Many others, of course, decide that it's cheaper to throw away their full-length mirror.)

But what kind of suit? Bespoke or off-the-peg? Is there really much difference between a hand-sewn, made-to-measure suit and an off-the-peg two-piece? Apart from the fact that the bespoke suit fits you without some salesman frantically clutching six inches of surplus waistband as you gauge how you look in the mirror.

The big difference is that a bespoke suit, cut specifically for your body, tends to hang well. Of course, the off-the-peg also hangs well, but usually only on the peg. An off-the-peg suit fits perfectly if you have broad but slim shoulders, along with a flattish, oblong body.

Does this sound like you? It does? Then, once on, the suit will look exactly how it does on the hanger, because if this really is your shape, the chances are that you probably *are* a hanger. If you also have sharply creased, paper-thin legs that fold in two, sing Hosanna because your clothes-shopping problems are over.

As for the rest of us, the minute we get those tweeds off the hanger and put them on, the ancient suit gods become so enraged at being disturbed that they immediately congregate for emergency protest rallies in unflattering places such as the abdomen, or shoulders (left or right, but never both simultaneously or symmetrically). At this point, those who are rich enough (or barmy enough?) to spend £2,000 on a suit head for Savile Row.

If you want your clothes to make a loud statement, don't go shopping in Savile Row — buy a T-shirt that says "I feel porky for Miss Piggy". In Alan Bennett's play *An Englishman Abroad*, the thing that Guy Burgess pines for most in his drab Soviet exile is a suit from his London tailor that would free him from the tyranny of Moscow tailors who "dress you up like a bloody beadle".

But who can afford to buy suits in Savile Row? Not many Englishmen, though that's hardly your problem or mine [illegible] Savile Row's problem.

Marking up: precision is the operative word

Bespoke tailoring in England has changed dramatically over the past few years with the arrival of hipper, often slightly cheaper tailors such as Timothy Everest, Richard James, Ozwald Boateng and Mark Powell. Some, like Everest — *who kitted out Tom Cruise in Mission Impossible* — offer a semi-bespoke suit that cuts the man-hours, and the price, sharply.

Even trend-conscious Ralph Lauren has brought out a pricey Purple Label, which is hand-made in Savile Row, though not made-to-measure. And jumping on Savile Row's well-cut coat-tails, Levi Strauss recently began offering a made-to-measure service for its denim jeans. But bespoke still hadn't changed enough for most men to abandon the high street.

Then, a couple of years ago, it struck Hugh Holland, managing director of Kilgour French & Stanbury — one of the Row's premier league tailors — that many young men were happily shelling out £600-£800 for Italian designer-name suits which often didn't even fit them.

At about the same time, he chanced on a tailoring workshop in Shanghai's old commercial centre, which had kept alive Savile Row bespoke tailoring skills from the prewar days when Shanghai was one of the world's great cities and the Peace Hotel hummed with the voices of well-dressed English colonials with a Chinese accent enjoying the high life.

He put the tailors to the test, taught them the Kilgour techniques, tried them out on his friends and is now thrilled enough with the result to launch the £699 Savile Row suit, measured and cut out in the Row and then air-freighted to Shanghai for sewing before being flown back to London for a final fitting.

Kilgour has made suits for the actors Cary Grant, Fred Astaire, Robert Mitchum, Rex Harrison and Tom Selleck. Lord Forte and Chris Eubank are also customers. Its sister company, Bernard Weatherill, also housed at 8 Savile Row, makes equestrian outfits for the Queen, the Prince of Wales and other royals.

Kilgour is not ready to jeopardise its reputation, which is why it has spent so long shuttling to Shanghai and back to make sure that the Chinese workshop can guarantee consistent quality.

The hand-tailored, two-piece suits, in Holland & Sherry cloth, take about a *month* from the time you are measured up to walking out with it on your back. And once the cutters in London know your measurements, you can reorder by telephone or fax, which makes it the ultimate in armchair, mail-order shopping.

Let's face it, £700 is a lot of dosh to pay for a suit. But if you're the sort of person who is happy to pay that much for a suit, then it's a bargain. You get the eye of an expert cutter, such as John McCabe, who measures you ever so politely without laughing at your physical curiosities or asking why you stuff so much ancient paperwork into your pockets (he just tweaks his measurements to cope): the measuring and the cutting is half the expertise of Savile Row. You get civilised service.

You get a chance to fish for gossip about famous clients' kooky habits. (No luck, McCabe is too discreet for that sort of thing.) And you get a hand-sewn suit that fits and which will, so Kilgour swears, last for years after that fancy Italian number has grown saggy from repeated trips to the dry-cleaner.

But Mr Holland isn't saying that the suit is as perfect as those made for around £2,200 by Kilgour's own tailors, who sit cross-legged in its Savile Row basement. "To get 10 or 15 per cent better quality you have to pay 50 per cent more," he explains.

And nor is Kilgour doing it because it expects to make a fortune, nor because Hugh Holland is aching to do a favour for misguided men who deserve more out of a £700 suit than they are getting from Milanese boutiques. The reason for this adventure is that Mr Holland is worried about where Kilgour's future British clients (currently about a fifth of business) will emerge from.

Savile Row customers are traditionally aged over 50: partly because that is when they have cash to spare, partly because good living has distended their bodies into a shape that is trickier to shovel elegantly into an off-the-peg suit. But what worries Mr Holland is that when the current generation of thirtysomethings reaches 50, they will have lost the tradition of graduating to Savile Row.

"There is an ulterior motive in this," he says. "I want people to fall in love with bespoke clothing and then entrance them into moving into our suits made in Savile Row. The new suits, labelled '8 Savile Row', are aiming at 30 to 45-year-olds, an age group which we are missing entirely at the moment."

Kilgour is braced to make 30 suits a month, many from customers coming back for repeat orders once they see the standard of workmanship. You know how it is, you order one smart Chinese suit and two months later you fancy ordering another one.

PETER NICHOLLS

Getting the hang of it: Joe Joseph steps out in his made-to-measure suit from Kilgour

# What shall I wear this Christmas?

THE goose is ordered, the kitchen stuffed with nets full of Brussels sprouts and clementines, Brazil nuts and shallots.

The cupboard under the stairs is clanking with Chateau-bottled médoc and ill-concealed on top of the wardrobe is a pile of socks and hankies and bath salts and cuddly toys quite sufficient to equip a sizeable United Nations humanitarian aid initiative. So why do I still feel so miserable about Christmas?

Because I haven't got anything to wear, that's why. This business of not a thing to put on is largely absent from my day-to-day life. To work I wear a pair of trousers that are not jeans, plus a matching knee-length sweater from Marks & Spencer, and at home I wear a pair of Romeo Gigli hipster jeans, which are so unutterably cool that I'm surprised the shop agreed to sell them to me — and a knee-length Marks & Spencer sweater.

There is, I like to think, a certain sparse elegance about my solution to the quotidian problem of clothing the naked. But somehow, on Christmas Day, jeans and a sweater don't quite cut it.

For a start, everyone else around the festive board will have made An Effort. My parents will be wearing souped-up versions of their usual Sunday finery, which in my father's case means flannels, a cavalry twill jacket, the funny hat out of his cracker and a pair of gold-rimmed half-moon spectacles so that he can read the little slip of paper with a joke from said cracker, and in my mother's will be something from Jaeger with a full skirt in luminous purple silk, plus her Good Pearls and a tea-towel around her waist with which to fend off any impertinent squirts of molten goose fat.

'Everyone around the festive board will have made An Effort'

My son will have been forcibly inserted into his adorable little red corduroy britches from Bonpoint and the matching cream Viyella blouse with stumpwork sheep embroidered on the collar, and told that Father Christmas and Rudolph are watching him carefully, and will be straight back to repossess all his presents at the *very first sign* of any attempt to change into jeans and a sweatshirt. But what, oh what shall I be wearing?

In the past, this question is not one that would have given me a moment's anxiety. In my courting days, which coincided precisely with my church-going days — possibly because all the eligible chaps in the village sang in the choir, deliciously clad in floor-length black cassocks and floaty white surplices — the bells for midnight Mass would find me tripping on my cream calf Manolo Blahnik stilettos into St John the Baptist's Church in a get-up that a New York drag queen might have discarded as a shade over the top.

One year, I seem to remember, it was a Fifties dress and jacket from the Oxfam shop in cream Chinese silk, embroidered all over with little cream flowers and birds, which had a completely separate underdress with its very own whalebone stays in all the seams.

Kneeling in my gossamer stockings on the dank stone floor I froze, lips turning blue beneath the Paloma Picasso *Mon Rouge* lipstick.

But it was all well worth it, because my object of desire at the time, a corpulent boy who sang the descant to *Hark the Herald* in a thrilling baritone, later said Merry Christmas to me in what struck me as a *very significant* fashion.

The arrival of a child had a dampening effect both on the social life and the wardrobe. The latter looks as though it has been visited by the four horsemen of the sartorial apocalypse, who have systematically eliminated anything that requires dry-cleaning, leaving behind a sea of utilitarian machine-washables in shades of Marmite, vegetable purée and fruit yoghurt.

And the candlelit, holly-spiked parties of old seem to have dried up, to be replaced by long telephone conversations with friends about isn't Christmas hell.

It is doubtless this somewhat unfestive state of affairs that brought on a moment of madness last week.

I took my credit card, and I went to the West End, and there I bought a black lace frock with a sapphire blue underskirt and petticoat straps, a matching pair of black lace shoes, and an angora cardigan spangled all over with sapphire sequins.

I think I must have thought that if I bought the frock, the party invitation would surely follow. It hasn't, of course. But guess what I'll be wearing on Christmas Day.

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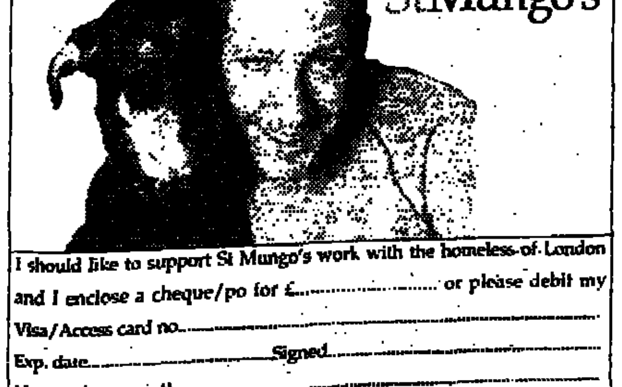

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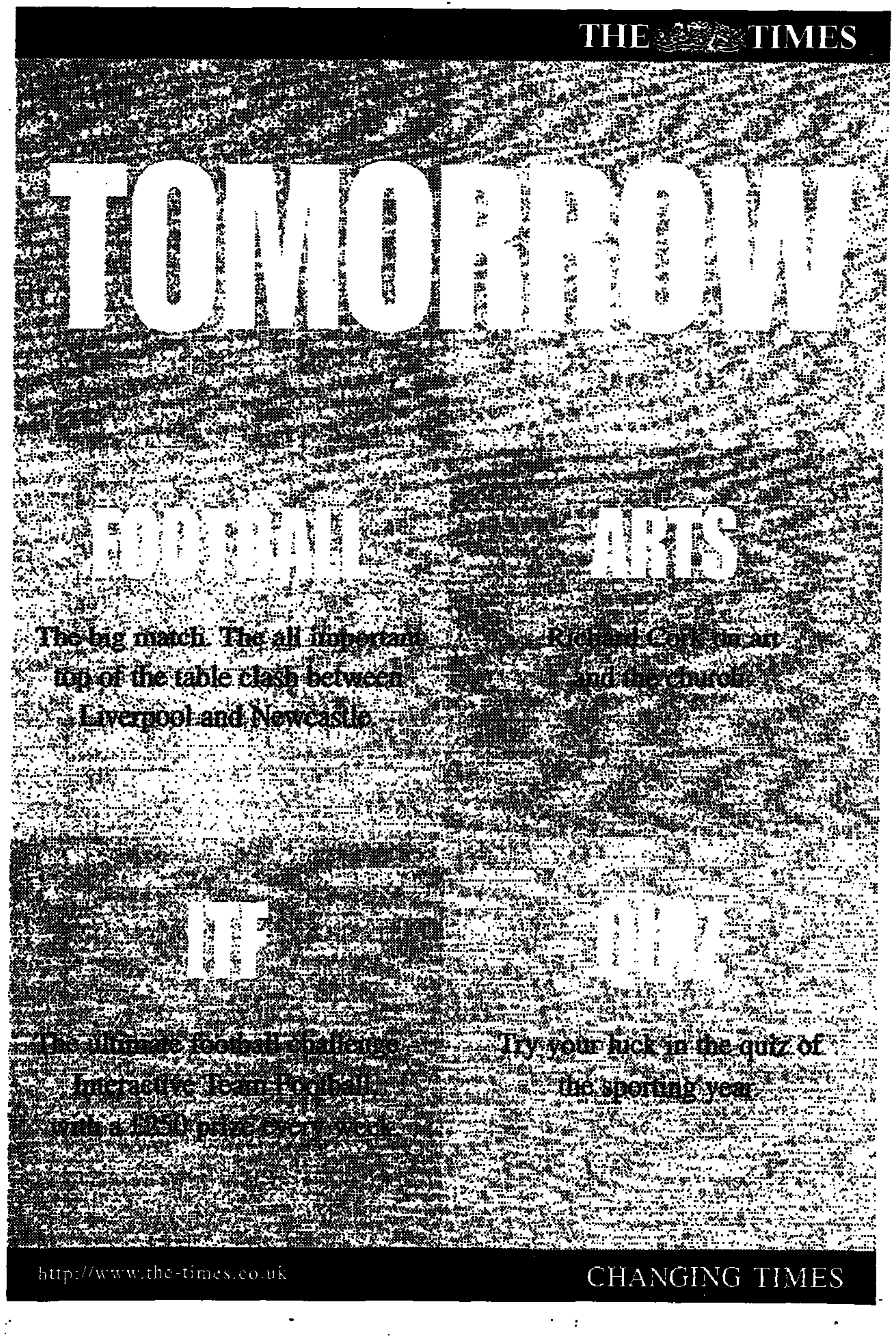
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# When a nation watches and weeps

There are times when a nerve in the nation is hit. Newspapers are seasoned in this. They can ignite a political scandal or expose a business racket or rattle skeletons in various Cabinets and if the country is, by a mysterious process, ready for it, it becomes the talk of the nation. The new medium of television can also do this occasionally and the Hillsborough docu-drama by Jimmy McGovern did it.

The Government is now considering a re-examination of the whole catastrophe as a result of the play; the victims in Liverpool feel that at last their voice has been heard and heard with understanding. The "nation" in that old sense of fireside-focus television watched and wept.

*Cathy Come Home* had a similar effect. Other dramas — including soaps — have a more sensational presence but *Hillsborough*, like *Cathy Come Home*, exposed a deeper truth about ourselves, a deeper anxiety, a fault line in our society in a way available, I suggest, only to drama through the obsessed imagination of a particular writer.

Jimmy McGovern is certainly that. A stammerer until the age of eight, one of whose brothers had, literally, to "translate" for him; a clever Catholic boy who alone in all his large family won a scholarship and though brilliant at English did not thrive in that environment of the Liverpool Catholic elite; a young man of many apparently dead-end jobs from the age of 16; and by luck and judgment a writer who got himself through work on the stage in Liverpool to the forming furnace of *Brookside*, to the phenomenon of *Cracker* and now *Hillsborough*, which strikes me as his central work.

His anger — initially to fight the crippling stammer — is his dynamo and it is still unaffectedly raw. His talent grows. His heart is Dickensian. His own adult past — gambling, drinking, religious torment — feeds him yet. He is a football fanatic and a terrible critic of much of the modern footballing business. Hillsborough left him speechless with rage and grief and years later he reached for his pen.

We had a tragedy on our hands which, with all apologies for patronising, was Third World in its size and poverty of excuse. An antiquated, dangerous spectator-distribution system met an inadequate police force and the disaster turned stupidity into tragedy and accusations of incompetence.

This shocked us all. What is remarkable is that a single play on television could — years later — recall and even advance that shock. If ever we wanted to contemplate the effect of a mere television drama against hours and columns of talk and articles, then this would be the test case of the past decade.

I do not believe that television has anything like the power attributed to it by politicians who are understandably frightened about their public appearance. Television is a lie detector and when politicians are economical with the truth it shows.

I do, however, believe that television can have impact (news and sport are the best examples of this) but now and then it can happen elsewhere and *Hillsborough* was a rare drama because apart from its intrinsic dramatic qualities it had and continues to have impact.

What added to its force was football. It was a play about injustice. It was a play about the tragedy of the innocent. It was a play, alas in our country today, about authority losing its head. But it also rode on the back of a game which has become a cohesive and bonding forum in our society. Those who scoff at this, let them scoff. There have been lesser and more trivial flags around which we have gathered and to great effect as a nation. Football, for fun as well as for sport, has taken up some of the space left by so much else as we have regrouped in the past fifty years. And Hillsborough was also football's tragedy.

McGovern's gift is that not only does he run with the grain of deep popular feeling, he has developed the ability to express it in a heightened, even an operatic way which does not betray its origins. He is, like many fine writers, a man who knows the People and who speaks for the People in a voice the People would like to own and yet he can put what he says into a form which, in a capsule of time, portrays a universal feeling.

*Hillsborough* was like a wound on the body of British television. It is a wound which will leave a scar. Lord Taylor of Gosforth's reaction to the disaster was a most powerful and moving tribute both to him and to the constant possibility of decency which exists in our system. McGovern articulated the cry of the heart of a country which longed for justice and catharsis. And it is to the glory of our television that he could and did do it — and with such force — on the most commercial channel, in what is often considered an over-competitive and declining television economy of worth.

*Hillsborough* did many things for many people. For the bereaved of Liverpool, for our undoubted British sense of fairness, for our wholly admirable determination to face the failure of the police even though we know that to do this is far from damning them all; but also as very few programmes have done this year, it showed once again that the mundane little box in the corner of the room can, come the author, come the time, speak to and shake the nation.

# A feast for the eyes this Yuletide

## From testosterone tap to gender-bending ballet, it's a bumper Christmas for dance on the small screen. **Debra Craine** reports

DEE CONWAY

Adventures in Motion Pictures in *Swan Lake*: one of the highlights of the Christmas dance season on television

Christmas is traditionally the time when dance gets one of its rare look-ins on British television. Whether it is because a Boxing Day ballet fulfils our need for a little intellectual stimulation after a feast of schlock escapism, or whether we simply have more time to savour the slower pace of arts programmes, the festive season is the dance season on the small screen.

This year we have a bumper crop of television dance, more than a dozen hours that cover almost every imaginable manifestation of the art form. From sweaty Australian hunks tapping their hearts out in hard hats and jeans, to the gender-bending *Swan Lake* that has taken the West End by storm, there is a programme to satisfy every dance taste. But why do we have to wait for Christmas?

According to Helen Sprott, Channel 4's deputy commissioning editor for music and arts, it is easier to schedule arts programmes at this time of year. Arts programmes tend to be one-offs, and thus hard to fit into regular schedules.

"When you get into the holiday season the rigorous scheduling thing is much more relaxed," she says. "And you have the opportunity to offer a greater variety of one-offs and programmes with differing durations. As well, Christmas is a natural time to watch television and to relax into a more extended performance experience."

The range this year is impressively wide — and not a *Nutcracker* in sight. Predictably, ITV goes for the populist end of the market with *Dance!* (Friday, 4.10pm), a glitzy extravaganza presented by Torvill and Dean in which Darcey Bussell does Balanchine, Wayne Sleep does Charlie Chaplin and the cast of *Riverdance* do the Irish jig.

Channel 4 also takes a lighthearted approach with its *Six Steps to Heaven* (Jan 2, 7.30pm), a "look at six of the biggest dance crazes to have come out of America". The programme explores how the cake walk, the charleston, Lindy hop, twist, disco and breakdancing have all in their turn captured the spirit of an age, illustrating the history lesson with some wonderfully evocative archive footage.

BBC2 is presenting the all-male Australian sensation *Tap Dogs* (Dec 31, 8.50pm), a troupe of fleet-footed blokes who marry macho swagger to virtuosic traditional tap. The men also have it in BBC2's showpiece Boxing Day offering, the Adventures in Motion Pictures *Swan Lake* (8.30pm). Matthew Bourne's brilliantly unorthodox staging, with its corps de ballet of male swans, turns conventional ballet symbols on their heads and makes them work for a late 20th-century audience. The BBC filming of the award-winning production (still running at London's Piccadilly Theatre) will surely delight all but the most diehard traditionalists. The latter can satisfy themselves with *New York City Ballet Salutes George Balanchine* (BBC2, Jan 1, 2.30pm), a mixed bill of his ballets that pays tribute to the versatility and genius of the late choreographer over several decades.

But it is two documentaries — one made by Channel 4, the other "in association with the BBC" — that offer the most unusual and insightful look at the art form. Channel 4's *Just Dancing Around?* is a three-part series (from Friday, 7.30pm) that aims to probe the elusive creative process of three modern choreographers: while Frederick Wiseman's three-hour film *Ballet*, which follows American Ballet Theatre for nine weeks as they prepare for a European tour, is the ultimate fly-on-the-wall dance documentary.

"It's important to come up with good ideas for dance," says Sprott, who commissioned *Just Dancing Around?*. "Television has addressed dance in terms of pure performance; we are not encouraged to be terribly analytical about the language of dance on television. When we came up with the idea of *Just Dancing Around?* we had an eye to unpicking the language of contemporary dance and showing how people actually do it."

The series examines three works in progress. Britain's Richard Alston, seen choreographing *Sometimes I Wonder* to 11 different recordings of *Stardust*, reveals how he equates his working process to that of a sculptor; Trisha Brown, at work on *M.O.* (inspired by Bach's *Musical Offering*), evinces a mind like a scientist, fascinated by form but unable to translate the complexities of intellectual argument into lively dialogue.

> ❛There is a television programme to satisfy every dance taste❜

The provocative dancemaker William Forsythe, a feisty and demanding American who runs the Frankfurt Ballet, makes for the most compulsive television. His programme is photographed and directed by the film-maker Mike Figgis (*Leaving Las Vegas*), who takes the role of fascinated outsider, eagerly pursuing his volatile subject with a dogged enthusiasm.

Unlike Figgis, who challenges Forsythe at every turn, Wiseman does not engage with his subjects. His uncompromising documentary *Ballet* (BBC2 on Christmas Day, 11.20am) presents the dancers and staff of American Ballet Theatre with no voice-over, no narration, no context and no comment. Just three hours of painstaking rehearsals, angry shouting matches, fundraising headaches, bored dancers, and — at the end of it all — the thrill of performance.

Wiseman's film is about an hour too long, and it cruelly fails to identify its stars (the recently departed trio of Agnes de Mille, Michael Somes and Ulysses Dove among them), but it remains gripping viewing for balletomanes.

And how many balletomanes are out there in tellyland? According to Bob Lockyer, BBC TV's executive producer, dance programmes, audiences for Christmas dance can be as high as 2.5 million. Not in the same league as the big-budget costume dramas, certainly, but then neither does dance enjoy the same degree of financial backing.

"Our budget is minuscule in comparison to drama," explains Lockyer. "We have the budget to do one relay a year. That means one outside broadcast where we take a camera into a theatre and film a performance.

"Obviously *Swan Lake* is not going to do as well as *Jane Eyre*. But let's compare like with like. When *Swan Lake* is screened I would think the numbers watching will fill the Piccadilly Theatre every night for about four to five years."

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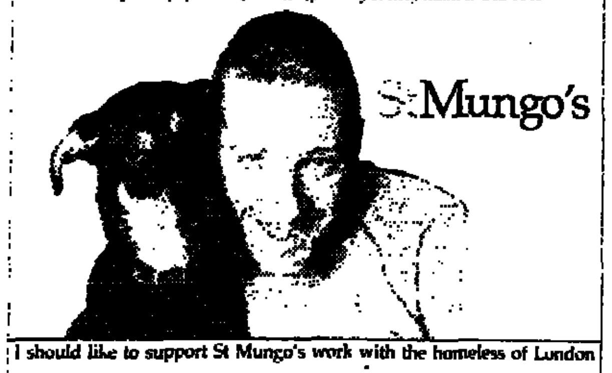

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# Still hungry after the ham

Courtney Pine: gimmicks overshadow the talent

JAZZ

### Courtney Pine
### Queen Elizabeth Hall

BY BEGINNING his first solo offstage and emerging triumphantly from the wings at its climax, Courtney Pine signalled his intentions from the off. He then shouted "Good evening!" to the cheering multitude and, dissatisfied with the volume of the response, repeated the process until the audience's enthusiasm reached the level required to be conveniently channelled into participation, through clapping to the beat or dancing in the aisles, in the night's proceedings.

Such end-of-the-pier-show behaviour is extremely rare in jazz these days, but Pine has been bucking trends since bursting on to the scene in the mid-1980s with a debut recording, *Journey to the Urge Within*, that was marketed, and consequently sold, like a pop album. Deeply suspicious of what he believes is the tetchy elitism and wilful obscurity of much jazz, he has seized every opportunity to make his music as accessible and relevant to current musical trends as possible, blending it with everything from soul and funk to reggae in the process.

His latest project involves two DJs, Pogo and Sparkii, operating onstage turntables. The former scratches, both solo and by trading phrases, mainstream-jazz-style, with his leader. Pine refers to the latter as a "sound manipulator", and he provides considerable textural density and variety to the band's music. Their presence aside, the septet provides relatively conventional pop-jazz, in which the music's customary rhythmic subtleties and complexities are subordinated to "the groove", and solos are relatively unstructured and frequently unresolved.

Strictly musical considerations, however, were avowedly low on Pine's agenda on this occasion: he had, he claimed, come to the South Bank with the sole intention of "having a good time", and this he proceeded to do, embellishing everything he played with humour and gimmickry.

The problem with this approach became apparent when he threw in a spot of playing two horns at once during *Prince of Peace*: neither was played particularly well, and the irresistible comparison with the late Roland Kirk, who used routinely to employ this double-horn technique to great effect, did Pine no favours.

Ditto his circular breathing on soprano *à la* Evan Parker, his David Murray-influenced impassioned screaming tenor climaxes, and his attempts to organise the audience into impromptu choirs in the manner of Bobby McFerrin. Without a clear artistic context, such stunts are the mark of an entertainer rather than a musician, and it was difficult to resist the conclusion that considerable musical talent remains untapped in Pine.

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# Hard times, bleak house

THEATRE

### A Christmas Carol
Lyric, Hammersmith

Dressed in tartan slippers, fingerless gloves and a grubby frock coat, Richard Briers sits at the centre of a bare, black stage. He stares morosely into the audience like one of Samuel Beckett's ulcerous tramps. He squints sourly at his pocket watch as Bob Cratchit and cronies sweat over their feather quills. He winces as the hours chime past, and squawks "Bah, humbug" when his employees attempt to sing the odd festive rhyme. Ebenezer Scrooge has rarely been so full of loathing on Christmas Eve.

Despite the wonderfully dyspeptic start, Neil Bartlett's new adaptation of Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* struggles to establish its family entertainment credentials. I've seen more cheerful *Macbeths*. Relying rather too heavily on comic-looking ghosts and serious-looking goons, few genuine shivers make it down the spine and fewer laughs emanate from the belly.

His production, however, is startingly and shamelessly theatrical. A single naked lightbulb illuminates a cast of eight Victorian undertakers who shuffle through a bewildering number of guises to present the Dickensian kaleidoscope of lives that Scrooge has ruined. Rae Smith's deceptively simple sets allow the actors to improvise fires and feasts.

But it is the magical arrival and departure of the ghosts in cupboards and under Scrooge's bed, rather than the visions the cast manage to conjure, that generate the most vivid drama. And of these it is Charlie Folorunsho's playful Rastafarian Ghost of Christmas Present, and his silent-as-the-grave Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come who exert the greatest grip.

Joyce Henderson and Marcello Magni from Theatre de Complicite make quirky inroads as a Scottish Mrs Cratchit and Scrooge's nephew Fred, whom Magni perversely plays like an Italian mummy's boy. Their physical skills are impressively artful, but I don't think art is ever going to be enough here.

The younger members of the audience found Angela Clerkin and Sophie Duval's brief cameos as capitalists with large pillows stuffed under their shirts far more amusing, and a few sentimental cheers were mustered for Dale Rapley's dithering Bob Cratchit.

However, the heart of this show was always going to be stapled to Briers's dusty shoulders. That we feel humbled by Scrooge's conversion has everything to do with the way the actor disarmingly regresses to a babbling schoolboyish state of charitable grace. The timely change of heart might be inspired by sheer self-preservation, but Briers is a wonderfully forgivable skinflint.

JAMES CHRISTOPHER

DONALD COOPER

Richard Briers — "a wonderfully forgivable skinflint" as Scrooge — surrounded by the cast of a *Christmas Carol* mainly notable for its gloominess

## CONCERTS: Berlioz's choral epic, *L'Enfance du Christ*, superbly performed in Manchester; carols and orchestral music in London

# Night of the noëls

### Polyphony
St John's

TAKE a couple of dozen choice 20th-century Christmas carols, group them imaginatively, add a dash of plainchant, and you have a winning recipe. This is what Stephen Layton and his choir Polyphony did for a recent recording, and they brought the programme to St John's Smith Square last week.

Few of the pieces included could be counted as predictable chestnuts. Indeed, each was, in its own way, a delightful specimen of the genre. Two Herbert Howells favourites — *A Spotless Rose* and *Here is the Little Door* — beguiling in their simplicity, were there, and providing abundant contrast were examples by Richard Rodney Bennett (such as *Susanni* with its mild metric dislocations) and Peter Warlock's *Benedicamus Domino* with its ecstatic chordal outburst.

The highly accomplished singers of Polyphony proved ideal interpreters of both types: their well-blended, carefully balanced tone produced some exquisite effects in the meditative numbers, while impeccable tuning guaranteed a firm foundation for the jubilant seasonal exclamations of others.

Strands of plainchant were woven seamlessly into the texture. That for *O Magnum Mysterium* (the programme's title) led straight into Warlock's minor-key, modally inflected setting of Bruce Blunt's *Bethlehem Down*. Nowhere was the ensemble's control of dynamic shading and richly expressive liquid phrasing heard to better advantage.

Peter Wishart and William Walton were each represented by a single example. And five of Kenneth Leighton's carols concluded with sorrow and anger poignantly juxtaposed in *Lully, Lulla*.

A wittily crafted encore by chorus bass Robert Rice commandeered a familiar "ding-dong bell" refrain by Vaughan Williams as accompaniment for the even more familiar *Sleigh Ride*, rendered in the melodious baritone of chorus-master Stephen Layton.

BARRY MILLINGTON

# Class act from students

### RNCM/Nagano
Manchester

"I THINK they are better than the other lot." There were various ways of putting it, some of them more tactful, but there was a distinctly audible current of opinion among Hallé subscribers in the Bridgewater Hall that, as guest contributors to the season, the chorus and orchestra of the Royal Northern College of Music had outshone the resident ensemble.

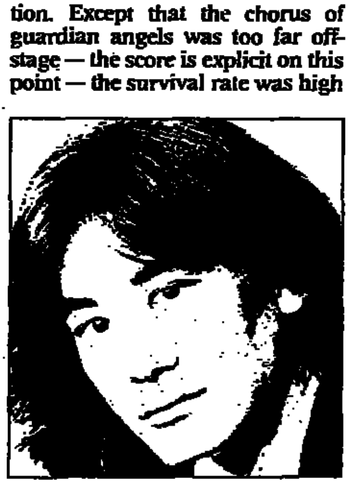
In some ways they did. No amateur choral society, for example, can compete with a chorus of student singers, each one of whom is a potential soloist. And it is difficult for an experienced orchestra to recover the joy of discovery that was such an attractive quality of the instrumental playing here. On the other hand, if the RNCM Symphony Orchestra had had to cope with the Hallé's schedule over the past few months, they would have fallen somewhere short of St Peter's Square.

Anyway, there they were in Berlioz's *L'Enfance du Christ*, with their own student soloists, and conductor Kent Nagano was offering no compromise in an interpretation which was thoroughly idiomatic but dangerous in tempo, risky in balance, and stressful in terms of choral intonation. Except that the chorus of guardian angels was too far offstage — the score is explicit on this point — the survival rate was high and the rewards were correspondingly abundant.

The colours of the unaccompanied final chorus were finely nuanced, the complex textures favoured by the Ishmaelites neatly clarified, and the vocal exoticisms associated with the soothsayers precisely registered. The trio of flutes and harp delivered their Ishmaelite entertainment elegantly; the orchestra in general twirled round the conflicting rhythms of the dance of the soothsayers without fear of vertigo.

In a well-chosen group of soloists Miranda McDonnell was a radiant Mary, Kevin Matthews a stylish if occasionally overstretched Narrator, Dean Robinson a suitably dark-toned Herod and Roland Wood a mellifluous Ishmaelite father. The audience might well have been prepared to make seasonal concessions, in the interest of hearing such a beautiful work performed with such youthful freshness, but in fact they never had to.

GERALD LARNER



Kent Nagano: stylish Berlioz

# Clearly in charge

### LSO/Fruhbeck de Burgos
Barbican

AFTER some light-hearted Rossini at the outset, Rafael Fruhbeck de Burgos was concerned, in his conducting of the London Symphony Orchestra, to give his listeners more of a tonally rough ride in the rest of the programme. The concerto was Prokofiev's second for piano, than which I know of none more congested with notes for the soloist, or more extravagant in its cadenza display.

It lacked nothing in virtuoso address from Horacio Gutierrez, the Cuban-born American who can power his way through the thickets of notes as if engaged on a finger exercise, but is also able to add a sense of musical character to the material on display. For much of the work he imparted a stately assurance as well as bravura brilliance, emphasising the lyrical qualities where they occur, as in the third movement intermezzo.

Prokofiev's characteristically sardonic flavour was only partly masked by this, and its persistent march-like rhythm overcame the pianist's attempts to vary it, generating instead a climax of ruthless dissonance. If there was a fault in so imposing a performance, it was in a finale that became wildly driven, with the textures sounding over-congested as a result.

The conductor's innate skill in contriving an instrumental balance of revealing clarity was most rewardingly apparent in his setting out of the complex inner details of *The Rite of Spring*, with which he ended the programme. From the introduction onwards, each strand was given its due weight and prominence, stressing the sense of ritual that underlies music written to be danced as well as heard.

Now and again rhythmic impetus tended to become stilted, mainly in Stravinsky's nocturnal images of Part Two, where some of the phrasing was unduly remote. But, in all the heavier passages, the clarity was a tribute to orchestral response of a high order.

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## Matthew Parris

### ■ Our sympathy for victims has become an obsession. When did we stop admiring winners?

What is it about the British that causes us to offer pride of place on public pedestals to the victim? Is it healthy? Have we become a nation of victim-worshippers? I struggle for a way of asking this which does not sound offensive or even neo-fascist, but I must take the risk.

The question resurfaced when I read last week of this year's "Children of Courage" awards. With a couple of exceptions, the children whose courage was cited by the newspapers had not acted courageously; they had been the victims of horrific attacks or accidents, or of illness. They had had no occasion to act bravely, *they had not acted at all.* They had reacted, as people often do when struck down, with admirable pluck.

If the award had been couched not as commendation but as sympathy, it would have been appropriate. It was not appropriate, however, to attribute to these children a virtue. I know it is common to speak of the "courage" people show in suffering, or with which they "fight" illness, and I am not insensible of the unsung fortitude of millions of humans and animals when faced, in circumstances beyond their control, by pain: but to endure is instinctive. Cornered by fate, most animals are surprisingly strong, we cope when we have to. More uncommon is to choose adversity: to volunteer to be brave. This, which is extraordinary, is courage in the complete sense.

Nothing that comforts a child who has suffered can be without value, especially if by extension this comforts others. But we also need to spur children actively to do things, brave things, even dangerous things, things which entail a positive act of choice. Children should learn pity and receive pity, but they should also learn optimism and confidence, and to admire action.

Invited to frame an encouraging message to the young in Britain, it seemed as if the world of adults had instead sought examples of the young as victims, and embraced the victims. It was instructive to note the mawkishness. The press fell upon the fact that the awards were presented by the Duchess of Kent who (as the papers reminded us) suffers from ME.

After the Children of Courage Awards came the *Today* programme's Personality of the Year Awards. In addition to John Major and a persecuted woman opposition leader in Burma (both, in some degree victim-figures), the field was led by Frances Lawrence, a victim herself, and Ann Pearston of the Snowdrop Appeal, a victim-by-proxy. I offer no criticism of either: both of them have turned suffering to positive account. But be honest: is it mainly for the quality of their contribution or for the fact of the suffering that they are celebrated?

The cult of the victim unsettles me. I am afraid it is not without roots in Christian teaching, and is woven into Jewish thought too — for obvious reasons. The genesis may be unimpeachable and the motivation merciful, but at heart this is a celebration at the altar of helplessness and passivity rather than competence and action. Blessed are the weak, they say. I say, Blessed are the strong. The elevation of pity is psychologically inseparable from the elevation of self-pity. Taken too far, I submit, both are degenerate.

Both are dominant themes in our tabloid press and in the news values of our broadcast media. Populism — the self-worship of the little man — is horribly tangled with self-pity and resentment. It is also tangled with hate. Anyone who has dared to question in public the taste or wisdom of elevating the Dunblane parents to the status of those-who-may-not-be-gainsaid knows the violence (there is no other word) of the public and media reaction. My wariness of the emotional wave on which we are legislating for gun control has brought me readers' letters of a personal and spiteful nature unmatched except by the venomous letters one always gets from a certain type of Christian (particularly in Wales!) whenever one criticises the Church. Beneath mercy and submissiveness ride, it seems, a warped and astonishingly bitter aggression and intolerance. Try expressing in public even the faintest note of caution about the disablement lobby in Britain and you will be shocked by the hatefulness of the response.

> The self-worship of the little man is tangled up with self-pity and resentment

The outpouring of (usually unhelpful) sympathy for some chosen national symbol of victimhood, mingled with hatred for the supposed culprit, is seldom more than a step ahead of an implied appeal for sympathy by extension for "us" too, abused by "them". Its keynote illnesses are bulimia and anorexia, and its patron saint is Diana, Princess of Wales. "Abuse" has become the buzzword of the decade.

Victim-worship is a false and sterile religion rarely leading to more than an on-the-spot cash appeal, a rash of letters to the editor calling for a lynching, and a demand that some other agency — usually the government — should "do something".

What these crusades of sympathy for victim-totems almost never do is stimulate real changes of heart or behaviour among the rest of us. They serve, I believe, and are intended subliminally, to serve as substitutes for both.

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### Differences of denomination matter less than avoiding the secular relativism of most education

# Religious schools against the world

## William Rees-Mogg

On Saturday, *The Times* carried a fascinating report by Ruth Gledhill on the worry of two leading Roman Catholic public schools that so many Roman Catholics are now sending their sons to Eton. Though this is only one corner of the big debate on religious education, it is one of which I have had particular experience. As a Roman Catholic, I was educated at Charterhouse, a Church of England school, although Downside was only a few miles from where my familiy lived in Somerset. In the next generation, our elder daughter took her A levels at Downside and was even appointed deputy head boy. Our eldest son also went to Downside, by his choice; our younger son went to Eton. I recently gave a talk to the sixth form at Ampleforth, not for the first time. To complete the connection, our second daughter took her A levels at Charterhouse, which itself now has an excellent new head master from Eton.

All four schools seem to me to be very good. In the 1980s, when I knew it as a parent, Eton was one of the few old English institutions which was still working exceptionally well, probably better than it did in its most celebrated days of the 18th or 19th centuries. I do not doubt that some parents do send their sons there because they think that will help them to network their way through life, but there are much better reasons.

I know of no school with the same combination of a strong historic tradition, an excellent academic education — Etonians routinely find that the teaching they get in the sixth form is superior to that in the universities they subsequently attend — and the capacity to adjust to the temperament and interest of the individual boys. When my son left Eton, I thought he had been to what was probably the best boys' secondary school on earth, and that he was very lucky to have gone there.

Throughout his time at Eton there was an excellent and holy Catholic chaplain; we used, as a family, to attend Sunday Mass there. Catholics were given every encouragement to practise their religion. And there were even a couple of conversions, not from Anglicanism but from agnosticism; boys brought up with no religion found that the Catholic Church was the one they wished to join. There are now said to be some 300 Roman Catholic boys at Eton, which is considerably more than there were in those years. Obviously 300 boys who might have gone to Ampleforth or Downside must seem a big loss to those schools.

The case for specifically Roman Catholic education is that it gives a much more profound and complete Catholic experience. Father Leo Chamberlain, the Headmaster of Ampleforth, told Ruth Gledhill: "The opportunity to go to Sunday Mass is not the same as an education immersed in the culture, spiritual values and moral codes of the Church." This is obviously a strong argument. Both Ampleforth and Downside are great Benedictine monasteries, and the worship of the monks does penetrate the whole life of the school. Because we live in the West Country, I have known more old boys of Downside than of Ampleforth, but both schools seem to give a lifelong foundation in faith to a high proportion of their pupils. It is as though the Gregorian chant enters into their souls.

All questions of the psychology of religion are complex. Going to Charterhouse, I am sure, suited me better than the spartan Downside of those wartime years would have done. I was left with a strong sense of the Anglican tradition, and of the beauty of the old Anglican liturgy. I have found great Anglican divines, Jeremy Taylor, George Barclay, Joseph Butler, John Wesley, have played a much larger part in my religious development than is common among Roman Catholics. Wesley was himself an Old Carthusian, which is an extra connection. My abiding affection for the Church of England was a benefit I gained by going to an Anglican school. Nor, in the end, did my experience at Charterhouse in any way alienate me from the Roman Catholic Church as an institution. I know that many people find all institutions of religion a difficulty; I have never found that a problem, and delight in the great Roman Leviathan, "mightiest of the fishes of the deep", which still swims so sturdily in the ocean of faith.

There is some criticism of the Catholic schools because they do not always shine in league tables. Indeed Father Anthony Sutch, now Headmaster of Downside, but in the 1980s my elder son's housemaster — and a brilliant one — has observed that "schools are being judged by league tables rather than by ethos". The Catholic schools do not concentrate on league tables; they think they have a duty to educate, rather than a duty to educate only those boys who find examinations easy. They have an unusually high proportion of boys from abroad, who may have to take English exams in a second language that they are still learning. Both Downside and Ampleforth are very generous with bursaries for those who would otherwise be unable to afford the fees, and the bursaries are not given solely on academic grounds.

The headmasters have appealed to the Roman Catholic bishops. I doubt if they will get much comfort from them. Cardinal Hume himself was Abbot of Ampleforth, and taught there, but the bishops are probably more concerned with Catholic education in the state than in the private sector. The demand for Catholic education in the grant-maintained and state sector has never been higher. Tony Blair is not the only parent to recognise the quality of schools such as the admirable Oratory School in London. Such schools have two advantages which Ampleforth and Downside fully share. They believe in the importance of a solid traditional education, and they believe in teaching the Christian religion as a living framework for life.

Some years ago I was discussing the problems of Islamic education with a group of Islamic leaders from Glasgow. Despite the risk of social alienation, I believe that the Islamic community has a right to state support for its religious schools, and have always supported that claim. They told me that in Glasgow, if their children could not be sent to Islamic schools they preferred Catholic schools, because they teach a definite morality based on religion. What they feared was the secular, non-moral environment. Essentially that is the appeal of all the Catholic schools to Catholics and non-Catholics alike. More than a tenth of the boys at Ampleforth are now non-Catholic. That seems to me an excellent thing.

The modern dividing line is not between schools of one Christian denomination and those of another, but between schools that teach a morality based on religion and schools that do not. If Western culture is in decline, in the rest of Europe as much as in Britain or the United States, it is because teachers have retired from the attempt to provide the moral basis for life. Modern teaching is, of course, much more difficult. Moral relativism, widespread divorce, drugs on the street corner, peer-group pressure taking over from parental and school authority, and the decline of religious belief have invaded every school, however well run. In this, Eton, Ampleforth and Downside are all on the same side, and it is the side of the angels. The Eton solution, which has been followed by Ampleforth, must be the right one: if Eton is an ecumenical school in the Anglican tradition, Downside and Ampleforth should become equally ecumenical schools in the Roman Catholic tradition. It is not what divides but what unites the Churches that matters; they face a common enemy in the moral deterioration of modern living.

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# Who will hold the cards?

## Michael Gove

### shuffles the political pack

For politicians this Christmas there is one thing even more delicious after dinner than a glass of Glenfiddich: playing the political futures market. While other households may unwind with Cluedo or Happy Families, politicians, particularly Tories, will shy away from games that depend on skulduggery being unearthed or fidelity celebrated. Instead, MPs will indulge themselves by playing Fantasy Cabinet.

Requiring nothing more than an active imagination and ungovernable ambition, Fantasy Cabinet is the country house cousin of the saloon bar exercise Fantasy Football. While the latter is an excuse to argue over the merits of Shearer or Wright in the pub, Fantasy Cabinet is simply a structured way of MPs comparing the merits of ministerial aspirants.

Among two groups of politicians Fantasy Cabinet is being played with greater relish this year than most. In the shire fastnesses of Euro-sceptic Ultras and across Islington pine the prospect of Tory defeat at the general election provides an opportunity to give the pack a proper shuffle and discard the jokers.

For the revolutionary defeatists on the Right, the most enjoyable fantasy is constructing a Shadow Cabinet whose unapologetic Toryism would allow it to exploit fully Blair's troubles, not least over Europe, and sweep back to power. The sceptics are not short of men with pretensions to play the king, with Michael Howard and Michael Portillo prepared to contemplate action up to withdrawal to secure a satisfactory renegotiation of Britain's membership of the EU.

But for the Ultras who most devoutly desire a purging of the party before returning to office it is John Redwood's ascetic frame upon which the greatest hopes rest. For his decision to contest last year's leadership election and his indefatigable yet icily courteous harrying of the Government's backsliding, he has won a place in the dark hearts of the hardest Right. Having installed Redwood as leader, the disposition of talent in the Cabinet of which the Ultras dream is relatively easy.

Redwood might want to keep a shrewd Scots lawyer as his Lord Chancellor, but it wouldn't be James Mackay. Redwood's opposition to Mackay's divorce reforms has *not* made for cordiality between them. Instead, a distinguished casualty of a 1997 defeat might move upwards.

A seat in the Upper House with a task of eviscerating Labour's plans for constitutional chaos would be perfect preparation for Lord Rifkind's own stint on the Woolsack.

The other great offices of state fall naturally into sceptic laps. Michael Portillo's Euro-scepticism is of a different kind from Redwood's. Global rather than local, a man more likely to be in Ralph Lauren than cricket whites at the weekend, Mr Portillo's international perspectives would fit him for the Foreign Office.

Michael Howard's belief in the efficacy of longer sentences could be tested by keeping him at Home Affairs. Peter Lilley, having displayed a determination and imagination in curbing spending at Social Security, should have the chance to apply those skills across the board as Chancellor.

With Angela Knight at Education, William Hague at Environment, Giles Brandreth as Minister for Fun and 1997 entrant David Cameron as Chief Secretary to the Treasury, youth would have its head. After composing his ideal Cabinet, our Ultra might fancy himself enrobed as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster before going to bed to sleep the sleep of the pure. In ideology, if not in heart.

As the last drops of British sherry are being drained at Headstrong Hall, the espresso machine is bubbling in a north London kitchen. While the Tory Ultras dream of their fantasy Shadow Cabinet, Labour's ultra-Modernisers have their ideal top table sketched on the back of a Granita wine list.

Labour *arditti* hope that Blair will ensure that power is in the finely manicured hands of the Modernisers, rather than the calloused grip of old Labour figures. Of course, some old socialists such as Robin Cook and John Prescott are beasts too big to put out to grass. Cook is safely corralled in the Foreign Office, though he yearns for economic influence, but Prescott is a problem. The Modernisers do *not* want him as Deputy Prime Minister, a Labour Heseltine with an even greater propensity to intervene. There are two possibilities that entertain them, either suzerainty over a super-department combining Environment and Transport, playing to his expertise, or the Home Office. Although Jack Straw is dear to modernising breasts and hopes to be Home Secretary, some Blairites feel that a reassuringly proletarian presence at the Home Office would win over the police, much in the manner of the genial, socially conservative James Callaghan.

The real pleasure for the Modernisers, however, rests in drafting new talent, not rearranging old. Frank Field may almost be too independent-minded for Social Security, but why not put the Birkenhead Anglican in the Northern Ireland Office? With Donald Dewar moving from the whips' office to become Leader of the House, his current deputy, Nick Brown, could be a chief whip of Urquhartian deviousness. Brian Wilson, a successful publisher as well as historian of Celtic Football Club, has been tipped for Ulster, but would be perfect for Transport. Kim Howells, the man who urged his brothers and sisters in the Labour movement to embrace competition, would delight Modernisers as President of the Board of Trade.

With Tessa Jowell at Health and Harriet Harman at Social Security, Mo Mowlam at Defence and Helen Liddell as Scottish Secretary, four impeccably Blairite ministers would be well-placed to exploit the dearth of female talent on the Tory benches. The dearest modernising wish would, of course, be the building of a broad progressive coalition and a Cabinet seat for a senior figure from another party with similar values. But Ken Clarke may prefer to be where power might really lie after a Labour victory — in Brussels.

Another Cabinet may also be dreamt of this Christmas — John Major's third-term team. The dogged decency of the Prime Minister may set at naught the games of the Tory Ultras and Labour Modernisers. The identity of the man who will choose the next Cabinet will be decided on the hustings where he thrives, and not the salons where they plot. But this Christmas, given the confidence with which both Ultras and Modernisers fantasise, the thought that John Major will be choosing a new Cabinet in the spring seems the most fantastic idea of all.

*Peter Riddell will return after Christmas.*

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# Open house

SCOTLAND YARD and Tony Blair are at odds over security at the Labour leader's constituency home, Mirabella, in Trimdon Colliery, Co Durham. Special Branch inspected the four-bedroom detached house recently and flinched. It made the Japanese Ambassador's residence in Lima look like Fort Knox.

*"Why the fuss about Shilton? This is my 1,000th game too"*

Why Blair has a house with the sort of name more suited to a cheap car or Costa fleapit is not clear. His children, however, are said to be deeply fond of the place. Open fields stretch out behind it and there is a playground next door, all a bracing change from Blair's London home in Islington. If he ever became Prime Minister, though, it is the sort of place likely to bring his protectors out in hives. John Major's home in Huntingdon, by contrast, is set in its own grounds and surrounded by a low wall.

Blair's accommodation, if he wins the election, will prove a nuisance altogether. Plans for the extensive redesign of the Prime Minister's poky flat in No 10 have already been mooted, with Blair's three children in mind.

"Special Branch would much rather Tony lived elsewhere," says Blair's constituency agent, John Burton. "But he wouldn't agree to it. If Tony becomes Prime Minister, though, things will have to change at Mirabella."

● *No flim-flam at the Vatican, where Madonna and her child will not be received by the Pope during her visits to Rome to promote her new film. The singer, who did not marry the man who squired her child, dreamt of being received by John Paul II, as Evita Perón had been by Pope Pius XII in 1947. "We have more important things to think about," says the Vatican.*

## Your honour

FOR Jacques Chirac, the French President, the days after Christmas often mean the Gazelle d'Or, the chi-chi hotel in southern Morocco patronised by the likes of Mick Jagger, Paula Yates and Michael Portillo. This year, however, pressures of work mean he cannot go, to the disappointment of one long-serving member of the hotel staff.

Last year, Chirac suggested honouring a certain Moroccan waiter, not only for his presidential pampering but also for his service in the French Army in North Africa.

The waiter said he would much prefer to go to Mecca. Rita Bennis, the hotel's English owner, told him to stop being so truculent. He should accept the award and she would pay for him to go to Mecca. So it was agreed. The waiter accepted Chirac's offer, then hot-footed it off on his trip east.

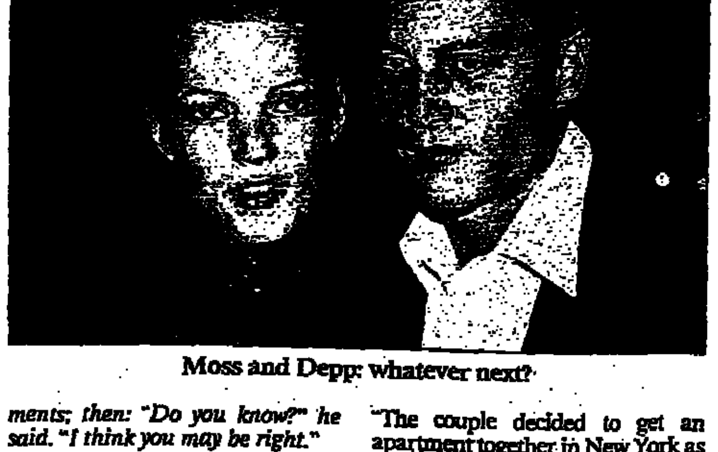
Irons: does he really have only one expression?

## All mine

NEW LABOUR'S pale-fingered suffocation of its party's traditions continues with news that Wentworth, a mining constituency in South Yorkshire, is to be represented at the next election by John Healey, a model new Labour man.

All sharp suits and sharper elbows, Healey has been the press officer for John Monks, General Secretary of the TUC. He is credited with repositioning Monks and the TUC. This is hair-wilting news for Arthur Scargill, whose palaeolithic Socialist Labour Party is meant to stand its best chance in old mining areas.

● *Bumping into Jeremy Irons at a party last week, a young woman said to him that when he appeared on film, "you've only got one expression". Irons's face paused in the middle of one of its tectonic movements; then: "Do you know?" he said. "I think you may be right."*



Moss and Depp: whatever next?

## Tattoo you

THRILLING reports on Kate Moss, the fragile supermodel, and her rollicking relationship with Johnny Depp, actor. He has moved into her Manhattan apartment and an engagement may be imminent.

"The couple decided to get an apartment together in New York as a trial situation before they make it official," says Moss's mouthpiece.

Good news for Moss is that Depp has finally done something about the tattoo he had done for his previous girlfriend, Winona Ryder. "Winona Forever" now reads "Wino Forever".

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# POTS AND KETTLES

## Labour must spell out its tax policies and do so soon

Tony Blair and Gordon Brown must make up their minds about taxes. The sooner they do so, the better for Britain and quite possibly for Labour's election chances. As long as the Labour leadership maintains its vow of silence on taxes, the public will understandably remain suspicious and rely on their memories of past Labour governments. The Tory publicity machine will naturally try to persuade voters to assume the worst. Indeed, a Tory campaign to expose Labour's "secret" tax plans will begin in the very first week of the new year.

While Labour remains silent about its intentions, the Tories' strategy will be not only understandable, but also fair. Early this year Clare Short blurted out that a Labour government should be in the business of raising taxes. The Tories immediately claimed that she had revealed Labour's secret tax plans. The Labour leadership's rebuttal was ingenious but bizarre. Labour could not have any "secret" tax plans because it had no plans on taxes at all. Such casuistry will no longer do with just four months to go before a general election. A party which claims to be ready to govern can hardly deny that it has any policies on either public spending or tax.

As long as Labour fails to disclose these policies, voters will be entitled to draw one of two disquieting conclusions. The first possibility is that Labour intends to raise taxes and knows that these plans will be deeply unpopular. It is therefore trying to keep them quiet for as long as possible to deny John Major the easy target he needs to unite his shambolic party. Conceivably Mr Blair even hopes to avoid any clear commitments on taxes. He could then enter Downing Street with a free hand to revert to Labour's spendthrift ways.

An alternative explanation for Labour's silence is just as disturbing. Perhaps Mr Blair has decided not to raise taxes, but does not dare to say so for fear of alienating his own party's left wing. And if Mr Blair is intimidated by his leftwingers, when they are still subject to the discipline of trying to win votes, what chance will he have against them if and when the election is won?

In the weeks ahead, the Tories will do their utmost to whip up public fears on both these counts. The Labour leadership, however, seems unperturbed. Mr Blair is being urged by his advisers to turn the tax campaign against the Tories by focusing on the Government's own record. Treasury figures published just before the Christmas recess confirmed that families on average earnings will pay more in income taxes at the end of this parliament than they did at the beginning. Armed with this fact, Labour will try to turn the Tories' campaign into a case of the pot calling the kettle black.

Instead of spelling out Labour's own policies — a "defensive" posture — Mr Blair will counter-attack and make an issue of the Tories' own tax record. After their broken promises, Labour will claim the Tories have "no right" to criticise, or even to question, another party's policies on tax.

This kind of *ad hominem* point-scoring is not only illogical; it is unlikely to help Labour's cause. The issue for voters is not what happened in the past, but what each party will do in the future. Pointing to past Tory tax increases will do nothing to reassure the public about a Labour government's intentions. In fact, it could inflame the fears of the voters: if even the Tories had to put up taxes, Labour may have to raise them even more.

If Mr Blair wants to clarify the economic outlook for businessmen and investors and to convince voters that Labour's punitive tax policies are really gone for good, there is one and only one thing he can do. He must make a full announcement of his plans on taxes and public spending — and do it soon.

# NATION OF SHOPKEEPERS

## American foreign policy must look beyond trade

As the Cold War ended, Francis Fukuyama acquired great prominence through his thesis that the end of the US-Soviet struggle signalled the universal triumph of democratic values and hence "the end of history". Under President Clinton that process has been taken one step further. For three years American foreign policy has been organised around the primacy of economics. His recent tour of Asia served to reinforce this trend. To many in Washington, trade is the beginning and end of international relations.

To those who question this emphasis comes the retort that economic engagement with seemingly unsavoury regimes represents the Trojan horse that will eventually secure the triumph of democracy. The real consequence of the collapse of communism is then, ironically, the end of politics, with the security issues of the past swamped by the requirements of the GDP.

After four years in office the President appears to have concluded that Asia with its multitude of underdeveloped markets is "exciting", whereas Europe, with its complicated political problems such as Nato expansion and the Balkans, is boring and "old hat". Trade is the new religion and market entry the new God. Perversely, the central intellectual premise of Marxism — that economic man is the whole man — has been swallowed by the US.

The short-term seductiveness of this approach is obvious. The notion that economic engagement can deliver good government after a modest interval has clear attractions. It would be difficult to conduct any cost-benefit analysis of US corporate interests that did not focus on Asia as promising unconquered territory. But this exclusively materialistic analysis is deeply flawed.

It relies, firstly, on the false assumption that all significant human relations are economic. The demise of the superpower struggle has brought more, rather than less, conflict in much of the world precisely because many disputes, which are rooted in history rather than in economics, had been held in check during the Cold War and have now been released to do their worst. There is no need to accept the entire argument about the clash of civilisations recently presented by Samuel Huntingdon to see the fundamental importance of differences in the ways that human society is organised.

The second fallacy lies in the calculation that economic engagement produces democratic advance. This argument relies heavily on a small number of cases — Chile, South Korea, arguably Taiwan — drawn from Latin America and relatively small countries in East Asia. There are abundant counter-examples, especially in Asia, of states that have capitalist economies and authoritarian political structures. The theory that China will become more benign towards internal dissent because of the opportunity to purchase American telephones has not produced results so far.

Finally, it is untrue that politics has been disinvented and military issues marginalised by the triumph of the market economy. History has not ended. It never does. It has moved on. There have been many occasions in the past thousand years when commerce has flourished in the temporary absence of disharmony. The old motto "hope for peace, prepare for war" still remains a wise one for political leaders.

# GROUSE FOR CHRISTMAS

## A Great British Tradition — the seasonal grumble

The real joy of Christmas is neither giving nor receiving, but complaining. Perthshire's finest whisky is not the only famous grouse which should be indulged this midwinter — true traditionalists will also enjoy the cosy familiarity of lathering themselves in indignation, wrapping themselves in righteous wrath and recycling and reworking a series of moans, whinges, jeremiads, imprecations and oaths without which the Christmas season is not truly restive. The turkey tastes better when generously sauced with bile.

Gift-giving is always a rich area for grumbles. Aside from the personal bickering of the wife incredulous that a husband should imagine her a size 16 or the basilisk glare with which a lover might greet a tenderly proffered and elegantly wrapped steam iron, there has been a general parental plaint this year. Demand for the toy astronaut Buzz Lightyear has so far outstripped supply that sightings of the plastic adventurer from outer space are now as rare as honest Tory whips. The banshee keening of mothers too late to buy a Buzz has rent the air of Hamley's and fathers have muttered oaths under their beery breath. The manufacturers blame the unprecedented demand on the surprise success of the video *Toy Story* in which an animated Buzz appears. Cynics will smell a marketing ramp designed to give Buzz, well, buzz.

Wiser heads will realise, however, that Buzz is playing a role in the pantomime of Christmastime as hallowed as the dame. He is the toy which everyone wants but no one can find, the empty glass of nursery fashion. In the past his role has been played by the Cabbage Patch Doll or the Millennium Falcon starship but, whatever the guise, the function is the same. Buzz is this year's yuletide maguffin, the pursuit of which gives parents the chance to enjoy cursing their offspring, themselves and the shops in a triple whammy of delicious ill-grace.

Family aside, food is the easy butt of a Briton's complaint. For several Christmases now it has required increasing ingenuity to rail against the seasonal fare. Turkeys, like secretaries, are better-bred than ever. For those bored of gobblers — from the farm, that is, not the typing-pool — there is an embarrassment of choice. Even the meanest supermarket groans with geese, ducks, game and exotic fowl. The most appropriate gripe when faced with such bounty is to lament the passing of the simple meals of one's childhood. There is no more satisfying accompaniment to the sight of a son swallowing a richly sauced partridge breast than a small dirge on the inability of the jaded young to appreciate plain white meat, a luxury in its day and none the worse for it now.

But the best complaint that Christmas now provokes is its length. Starting just as the fireworks fade and ending well after Epiphany, the festive season is now almost as long as the other grouse season. In its length, as in so many ways, Christmas is absolutely fair game.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Ethical concerns in healthcare law

*From Mr David Anderson-Ford*

Sir, Your report (December 16) on the rulings by High Court judges compelling women to undergo Caesarean sections illustrates the difficulty of cases which have arisen from the turbulent sphere of healthcare law and ethics to confront the judiciary.

As Lord Browne-Wilkinson stated in the Anthony Bland case (*Airedale NHS Trust v Bland* [1993] *1 All E R 821* (*HL*)):

> it seems to me imperative that the moral, social and legal issues raised by this case should be considered by Parliament ... If Parliament fails to act, then judge-made law will of necessity through a gradual and uncertain process provide a legal answer to each new question as it arises. But in my judgment that is not the best way to proceed.

Issues of consent and capacity or incapacity to consent are fundamental and troublesome. In spite of the sterling efforts of the Law Commission in this decade to raise the level of national debate, judges continue to be placed in this untenable position.

Perhaps a national standing forum on healthcare law and ethics (along the lines of the 1980s President's Commission in the USA) would provide a more clearly defined and more representative lead. These matters are far too important to be left to judges alone.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID ANDERSON-FORD,
37 Canbury Avenue,
Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.
December 17.

*From the Honorary Chair of the Association for Improvements in the Maternity Services*

Sir, One worrying aspect of the recent "forced Caesarean" cases is how they have changed the atmosphere surrounding consent to treatment for pregnant women. Since the first reported court-ordered Caesarean (details, October 14, 1992; Law, October 27, 1992) we have come across a number of cases where women who questioned obstetricians' proposed care were told: "If you don't consent, we shall simply go and get a court order."

These incidents include a number of interventions, including induction or augmentation of labour. Given the high and inconsistent intervention rates in many maternity units there is good reason to question the necessity for many of these. In cases where we obtained further details it was clear that the proposed interventions were neither essential nor urgent.

It seems that some obstetricians have seized upon the court decisions to support an authoritarian pattern of care rather than making efforts to improve a two-way communication and respecting the rights of their patients.

It is not the obstetricians but GPs, health visitors, psychiatrists and lay supporters like ourselves who are dealing with the disastrous emotional effects in women who describe their birth experience as "technological rape".

Yours sincerely,
BEVERLEY A. BEECH,
21 Iver Lane, Iver, Buckinghamshire.
December 16.

## The right to die

*From the General Secretary of the Voluntary Euthanasia Society*

Sir, I was surprised that Dr Gary Slapper failed to mention the common law right of an adult patient to refuse medical treatment, both contemporaneously and in advance, in his article on the involvement of the courts in decisions to withdraw life-support ("When there is life without hope", Law, December 10).

It is true, as Dr Slapper says, that a number of patients have been wrongly diagnosed as being in a persistent vegetative state. However, many people, I suspect, would find the quality of life of those "recovering" patients to be unacceptable and, if they were in a similar position, would wish life-prolonging treatment, including feeding by naso-gastric tube, withdrawn and to be allowed to die with dignity.

The only way such patients can communicate their wish to a doctor is by way of an advance directive ("living will").

Yours faithfully,
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13 Prince of Wales Terrace, W8.
December 10.

## Smoking costs

*From Mr Clive Turner*

Sir, Mrs Jane Hodges (letter, December 19) tells us that, among others, smokers should pay for what she considers are self-inflicted health problems.

There are no official government figures available, but the Health Education Authority, on a basis unknown to us, currently estimates the annual cost to the NHS of alleged smoking-related diseases at £325 million. Since smokers are paying more than 28 times this sum in tobacco tax each year, surely nobody can say that they are not paying their way.

Yours faithfully,
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(Executive Director, Industry Affairs),
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55 Tufton Street, Westminster, SW1.
December 19.

## Life aboard a modern prison hulk

*From Mr Graham Wilmer*

Sir, I was interested to read Richard Ford's report (December 13) on the possible use by the Home Office of the floating accommodation unit *Resolution* to ease the accommodation shortage in the Prison Service.

Life on the original prison "hulks" was hellish, but life on the *Resolution* will be very different. When I interviewed remand prisoners housed on the unit in New York in 1990, they described life on the hulk as "more like being on the love boat than in prison".

The Department of Correction (DoC) had hired *Resolution* and another similar unit, *Venture*, to help solve an emergency overcrowding problem they faced between 1987 and 1989.

Such was the quality of life on both units that the DoC decided they would use the tranquil environment aboard *Resolution*, the larger and more spacious of the two, to establish a special drug-rehabilitation programme for both remand and convicted prisoners. This was a considerable success, according to the DoC's Director of Substance Abuse Intervention at the time.

*Resolution* offers a fast, secure, cost-effective solution to the problem of prison overcrowding, and the Home Office are well aware of the benefits. That, I suspect, is why they amended the Criminal Justice Act recently to allow for the use of floating detention facilities previously outlawed.

The irony in this story is that the former owners of *Resolution* and *Venture*, the Liverpool-based Bibby Line, tried unsuccessfully for years to get the Home Office to take one of the units, following their success in pioneering their use in the US.

Eventually, in 1992, the New York DoC, having solved their own overcrowding problems by building their own high-tech, purpose-built unit, sold the two units (which they had bought from Bibby some five years earlier) to an American scrap merchant. He, it would appear, is about to sell it back to the UK — no doubt for a fat fee. So much for buying British.

Yours sincerely,
GRAHAM WILMER
(freelance writer),
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December 13.

## Care for mentally ill held in jail

*From Mr Roger Wools*

Sir, The concern expressed recently about the number of remand and other prisoners who are mentally ill (report, October 25) engages the attention of those of us who are concerned with the saving of our architectural heritage.

In recent years we have seen a huge and costly building programme of new prisons and a large rise in the prison population. This has been accompanied by the closure of hundreds of former institutions which were set up, often by charitable organisations, for the humane care of the mentally ill.

These mostly fine and often listed buildings are now empty, but many are of national architectural interest; they present great problems in finding suitable new uses, mainly because they are in rural situations where they once provided farming work and fresh air for the patients.

As an architect, I am aware that these former old asylums and hospitals may have housed patients who should not have been confined, but they at least provided a safe haven for many who now find themselves on the streets or in prison.

Have we seen the closure of one type of institution, only to be followed by the expansion of an even more harsh system of containing those who are ill and in need of treatment within caring communities?

Yours etc,
ROGER WOOLS,
74 Bootham, York.
December 13.

## Preserving archives

*From Dr Peter T. Marsh*

Sir, The disturbing feature about the purchase of the Churchill papers is not their valuation (Mr Roy Davids's letter, December 14) but that they were put up for sale in the first place. Henceforth those who inherit comparably great collections of papers like those of Mr Gladstone or the Chamberlain collection, which I am editing, must question the previously honoured wisdom of bequeathing them to public institutions.

The entire Chamberlain collection, which includes the papers of Joseph and Austen as well as Neville Chamberlain and of their remarkable womenfolk, was given freely by their descendants to the University of Birmingham.

Yours faithfully,
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(Leverhulme visiting fellow),
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December 16.

*From Lady Spender*

Sir, Manuscript collections (letters, December 7, 11, 14) in American university and public libraries are admirably kept by distinguished and helpful custodians to whom I have reason to feel obliged. But which of our young students and our serious authors can afford to spend weeks in Texas, New York or Indiana?

As the literary executor of Stephen Spender, without the means to buy his manuscripts at auction and desiring the accessibility to students of the 1939 manuscript volume of his poems, I was keen that the British Library should acquire it, despite there being insufficient funds at the time. Happily this became possible through the co-operation of Sally Brown, its curator of modern manuscripts, and the Po Shing Woo Foundation, towards which we all feel particular gratitude.

This small example suggests that for more substantial literary archives, perhaps beyond the scope of individual donors and smaller foundations, the Heritage Department would, as Mr Roy Davids suggested in his letter, do well to reconsider the terms governing funding, especially for manuscripts of those living authors who cannot afford to donate and are at present obliged to sell abroad.

Yours sincerely,
NATASHA SPENDER,
15 Loudoun Road, NW8.
December 17.

*From the Director of the National Cataloguing Unit for the Archives of Contemporary Scientists*

Sir, Although the auction sale of the Brunel papers is a salutary lesson, it should not be assumed that the archives of more recent engineers are suffering the same fate.

One answer to the problem of recent archives is provided by this unit, which since 1973 has been working to ensure that the papers of some of Britain's leading contemporary engineers and scientists are not disposed of piecemeal but are placed in an appropriate repository where they can be made available for future scholarship.

To date the papers of some 180 scientists and engineers have been catalogued and deposited by the unit in more than 40 archive repositories throughout the United Kingdom.

Yours faithfully,
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December 12.

## Spending priorities

*From Professor David Watmough*

Sir, William Rees-Mogg ("Why we're all losers in the battle of the euro", December 16) explains that Germans "know from experience that a strong currency is a better basis for economic development than a weak one" and have noted how the opposite policy worked for Britain.

Although not having precise figures for relative defence expenditure between the UK and Germany, it is reasonable to assume that the allocation of large UK budget resources to projects like Polaris and Trident, rather than to industrial production and research and development, account for much of Britain's poor economic performance compared to that of Germany.

It is not the strength of the currency *per se* which is of primary importance but the wisdom or otherwise of policy decisions which determine it. British politicians appear to have had a misconceived image of this country's power and importance and have overspent.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID WATMOUGH,
Morefield Cottage,
Ullapool, Ross-shire.
December 16.

## Disclosing evidence

*From the Director of Public Prosecutions*

Sir, I am surprised that Mr Christopher Wilson-Smith, QC (letter, December 20), appears to be unaware of the enactment of the Criminal Procedure and Investigation Act 1996, sections of which are already in operation. The disclosure proposals to which he refers are not a "unilateral and fundamental change of policy" initiated by the Crown Prosecution Service as he suggests, but now part of the law, to be implemented shortly.

The CPS, in conjunction with the police, are jointly organising a major training exercise so that together we implement the new disclosure provisions fairly and effectively.

Yours faithfully,
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December 20.

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## Royal Academy's need for reform

*From Mr Hugh McIlveen*

Sir, Notwithstanding the excellent suggestion by Mrs Diana King (letter, December 13) by which Friends of the Royal Academy could, through donations, put right at a stroke the present financial crisis, this fine institution is patently in need of effective long-term reform. In any administrative situation, payments due to a pension scheme and simply "not made" (*sic*) must be viewed very seriously.

Already it seems that the Academy is tying itself in knots by announcing that it will not sell any works of art: nor will staff cuts be considered (report, December 13). Hardly sensible strategy when a business plan, presumably, is in preparation and all options should remain open for consideration.

At the other end of the spectrum, to provide a café within the Sackler Wing extension is but to tinker while greater problems abound: and may spoil for ever that confidently handled space which forms part of an outstanding example of contemporary architecture, as it were on permanent exhibition within the Academy premises.

Yours sincerely,
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December 13.

*From Mr C. R. Devereux*

Sir, I read with sorrow and concern of the Royal Academy's financial difficulties, but I do not believe that asking the Friends to resolve the problem is a valid solution. I am a history of art student at the University of East Anglia as well as a Friend, and regard RA exhibitions as a valuable aid in my studies: but I am sure there are many Friends who, like me, cannot afford to support the Academy further.

If the RA wishes to retain its autonomous standing, it cannot reasonably seek government funding, and assistance from this source would be perhaps unwise, stretching the Arts budget even further. Perhaps artists selling works in the Summer Exhibition would agree to a greater percentage of the price going to the Academy? Or why not seize the initiative and sell the Michelangelo *Tondo*?

The purpose of the RA is not to collect art, but to encourage its development — and what percentage of the visitors to the galleries actually see the *Tondo* in its obscure location?

Yours faithfully,
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December 13.

## Coren and Amis

*From Mr Mark Anderson*

Sir, Alan Coren's desire to write a best-selling publishing contract ("Can I take out a contract on Martin Amis?", December 18) is commendable. He will, of course, need legal advice on the wording of the contract. As the author of a legal textbook on intellectual property agreements, I am well qualified to advise him, and would be willing to share his royalties with him, in lieu of my normal fee.

Yours generously,
MARK ANDERSON,
Anderson & Company (solicitors),
36 The Vineyard, Richmond, Surrey.
December 19.

## Cleric's move

*From the Reverend John Hawthorne*

Sir, The Reverend Eric Shegog (report, December 19), commenting that it was understandable that many would see his appointment as head of communications for the Diocese of London as a downwards step, asked: "But where do you go after being head of religious programming for the IBA and head of communications for the Church of England?"

To a parish, perhaps?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HAWTHORNE,
The Vicarage, The Green,
Tetbury, Gloucestershire.
December 19.

## Fully furnished

*From Mr Asif Khan*

Sir, I welcome Edward Thomas's suggestion (letter, December 18) that people calling themselves chairs and joint chairs should form a settee and become a suite of furniture.

I would wholeheartedly support Mr Thomas if he were now to table a formal motion to this effect. Whether he will have a leg to stand on, I don't know.

Yours sincerely,
ASIF KHAN,
282a Whitton Avenue East,
Greenford, Middlesex.
December 18.

*From Mr Rashaad Thirlway*

Sir, Hereabouts we have enough local authority committee "Chairs" to furnish a complete auditorium. There can be no guarantee, however, that if so assembled they would listen to reason.

Yours faithfully,
RASHAAD THIRLWAY,
30 Finchfield Hill,
Wolverhampton, West Midlands.
December 18.

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# COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 21: The Duke of York arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning from the Philippines.

Captain Neil Blair RN, Mr Geoffrey Crawford and Major Timothy Allan were in attendance.

SANDRINGHAM
NORFOLK
December 22: A Service of Lessons and Carols was held in Sandringham Parish Church this morning.

The Emperor of Japan celebrates his 63rd birthday today.

## Beaudesert Park

The Governors of Beaudesert Park have appointed Mr James Womersley, presently a Housemaster at The Dragon School, Oxford, as Headmaster from August 1997.

## Birthdays today

Mr Michele Alboreto, racing driver, 40; the Earl of Balfour, 71; Sir Franklin Berman, civil servant, 57; Mrs C. Bicknell, former chairman, Victoria Health Authority, 77; Sir Norman Biggs, banker, 89; Lord Blake, 80; Professor Timothy Burt, Master, Hatfield College, Durham University, 45; Mr David Davis, MP, 48; Mr Peter Davis, chief executive, Prudential Corporation, 55; Mr Maurice Denham, actor, 87; Sir Colin Fielding, civil servant, 70; Mr J.R.S. Guinness, chairman, British Nuclear Fuels, 61; Mr Yousuf Karsh, photographer, 88; Mr Graham Kelly, chief executive, Football Association, 51; Professor Peter Lachmann, former President, Royal College of Pathologists, 65; Miss Belinda Lang, actress, 43; Mr Christopher Lawrence, silversmith, 60; Sir Roger Neville, former chief executive, Sun Alliance Insurance Group, 65; Miss J.M. Quennell, former MP, 73; Mr Ashley Raeburn, former chairman, Boosey and Hawkes, 78; Herr Helmut Schmidt, former Chancellor, Federal Republic of Germany, 78; the Rev Christopher Turner, former Headmaster, Stowe School, 67; Mr R.S. Unwin, publisher, 71; the Marquess of Winchester, 55.

## Nature notes

WHERE the ground is frozen, small birds forage under the hedges. Blackbirds turn the dead leaves over vigorously, looking for beetles and spiders, while robins stand with their heads cocked, using both eye and ear to detect the movement of insects. Song thrushes find snails in the grass at the foot of garden walls and take them to a stone or a hard road-surface to break the shells. Discarded bottles have also been recorded as song thrush anvils. Herons range far and wide to find fish and frogs in water that is not frozen. They will even stalk other birds when the weather is really hard. Sparrow hawks come to feast at busy bird-tables.

On roadsides, wilting specimens of scentless mayweed are among the few flowers still to be seen in bloom. Next year's leafbuds are almost fully formed on some trees — scaly, sharp-pointed buds on the beeches, green and pink buds on the sycamores, and buds like small black claws on the ash trees. Long-tailed field mice are less active than they were in summer, but continue to nibble at their stores of nuts, seeds and apples in old birds' nests; many of them come indoors and join the house mice in kitchens.

DJM

The ever-alert robin redbreast

*Feather Reports: A Chronicle of Bird Life from the Pages of The Times*, by Derwent May, is obtainable post free at the special price of £10.95 from The Times Book Offer FT603, PO Box 345, Falmouth TR11 2YX (tel 0990-134-459, 24 hours).

## Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Gibbs, architect, Aberdeen, 1682; Sir Richard Arkwright, inventor, Preston, 1732; Joseph Smith, founder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons), Sharon, Vermont, 1805; Samuel Smiles, author of *Self Help*, Haddington, Lothian, 1812.

DEATHS: John Cotton, Puritan clergyman (the Patriarch of New England), Boston, 1652; Thomas Robert Malthus, economist, Bath, 1834; Hugh Miller, geologist, committed suicide, 1865; Alexandre Gustave Eiffel, builder of the tower bearing his name, Paris, 1923; Anthony Herman Fokker, aircraft pioneer, New York, 1939; Edward Frederick Lindley Wood, 1st Earl of Halifax, statesman, Viceroy of India 1926-31, Garrowby, Yorkshire, 1959.

*HMS Bounty*, commanded by William Bligh, set sail for the South Seas, 1787.

Joseph Hansom patented a type of cab, 1834.

The BBC began daily radio broadcasts, 1922.

## Appointments in the Forces

**Royal Navy and Royal Marines**

CAPTAIN: C R Style to MoD London in Rank of Cdre, 6.5.97; P J Tyrrell to Heron, 14.1.97.

COMMANDER: P E N Brockwell to MoD Bristol, 14.3.97; R T Love to Fost Sea 31.1.97; M R Pepper to MoD London, 16.5.97; M J Potter to FOTR Portsmouth, 25.7.97; K D J Slowe to Lancaster, 16.4.97.

Retirement

CHAPLAIN: M J McCall, 27.2.97.

**Royal Air Force**

Air Vice-Marshal P C Norriss to be Controller Aircraft from December 21 in succession to Air Marshal Sir Roger Austin. The appointment carries with it membership of the Air Force Board of the Defence Council.

GROUP CAPTAIN: M Gleave to HQ AWC, 16.12.96; J W White to HQ 1 Gp, 16.12.96; P A Coker to MOD, 20.12.96; C W Ness to HQLC, 20.12.96.

WING COMMANDER: R T Johnston to Red Arrows, 9.12.96; C B Montagu to DSGT Cranwell, 16.12.96; J A Young to HQLC SM20 Wyton, 16.12.96; S E Senior to HQLC 16.12.96; D P C Clark to Leeming, 16.12.96; A F McNish to HQ PTC, 16.12.96; B J Cornina to HQ PTC, 16.12.96; D P Murray to Wittering, 16.12.96; M K Parker to RAF College Bracknell, 16.12.96; T Winstanley to Cosford, 16.12.96; R G Leonard to MoD, 16.12.96; G J Howard to HQ STC, 16.12.96; C C Doye to HQLC SM60, 18.12.96; B D Hay to HQ 38 GP, 23.12.96; M N Primett to MoD (PE) SAP Riyadh, 28.12.96.

Retirement

AIR COMMODORE: S N Bostock, 23.12.96

## Forthcoming marriages

**Lieutenant J. Ansley**
**and Miss H.J. Wassell**

The engagement is announced between Jason, son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Ansley, of Columbus, Ohio, USA, and Hannah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Wassell, of Colchester, Essex.

**Mr R.W. Dixon**
**and Miss L. du Parc Locmaria**

The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Major and Mrs Christopher Dixon, of Chieveley, Berkshire, and Lucy, daughter of Count and Countess Tristan du Parc Locmaria, of Paris.

**Mr H.R. Enfield**
**and Miss L.C. Lyster**

The engagement is announced between Henry, only son of Mr and Mrs Edward Enfield, of Billingshurst, Sussex, and Lucy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Rae Lyster, of Layer de la Haye, Essex.

**Mr J.C. Guise**
**and Miss C.C. Woodhouse**

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Guise, of South Nutfield, Surrey, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Woodhouse, of Reigate, Surrey.

**Mr J.A.N. King**
**and Miss J.K. Fleming**

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs J.N. King, of Little Shelford, Cambridgeshire, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Fleming, of Steeple Barton, Oxfordshire.

**Mr J.C.R. Prynn**
**and Miss B.G. Gorgone**

The engagement is announced between Julian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs N.J.B. Prynn, of Durham City, and Barbara, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Gorgone, of Modena, Italy.

**Mr S.E. Stockwell**
**and Miss S.L. Lloyd-Smith**

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs David Stockwell, of Westwood, Wiltshire, and Sophie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Lloyd-Smith, of Lantau, Hong Kong.

## Marriages

**Mr R.W.T. Chance**
**and Miss K. Surgison**

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Catherine's, Criccieth, Gwynedd, of Mr Toby Chance, younger son of Sir Jeremy and Lady Chance, of Gwynedd, to Miss Katy Surgison, daughter of Mr Peter Surgison, of Johannesburg, and the late Mrs Surgison. The Bishop of Bangor and the Archdeacon of Meirionnydd officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Mr Hywel Richards, was attended by Madeleine Chance, Joanna Beaufoy and Katie Kriegler. Mr Ian Kriegler was best man.

A reception was held at Portmeirion and the honeymoon will be spent in Paris.

**Mr J.M.D. Thomson**
**and Miss K.C. Sanderson**

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Bartholomew, Burwash, East Sussex, of Mr James Michael Douglas Thomson, son of the late Mr Paul Thomson and of Mrs Anne Lilias Cuddigan, of Sandhill, Suffolk, to Miss Katherine Claire Sanderson, younger daughter of Sir Frank and Lady Sanderson, of Burwash. The Rev R. Vincent officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Clementine Wigley and Miss Nina Sanderson. Mr Geoffrey Austin was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in Cape Town, South Africa.

**Mr M.L. Harvie-Watt**
**and Miss M.M.N. Thompson**

The marriage took place on Saturday, December 7, 1996 at The Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, Cheyne Row, of Mr Mark Harvie-Watt, only son of Sir James Harvie-Watt Bt, and Lady Harvie-Watt and Miss Miranda Thompson, only daughter of Mr Martin Thompson and Mrs Robin Astell.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her Father was attended by Hanna Bellord, Letitia Thompson, Francesca Thompson, Miranda Squire and Eleanor St. Aubyn.

**Mr E.J.H. Gorman**
**and Mrs J.A. Farquharson**

The marriage took place in London on December 20 of Edward Gorman and Jeanna Farquharson.

**Mr P. Horsley**
**and Mrs H. Lindsay**

The marriage took place quietly in Salisbury, on Friday, December 20, between Mr Paul Horsley and Mrs Sarah Lindsay, widow of Major Hugh Lindsay.

**Captain R. Thorneloe**
**and Miss F. de Bono**

The marriage took place on Saturday, December 21 at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Kirtlington, Oxfordshire, of Captain Rupert Thorneloe, Welsh Guards, son of Major and Mrs John Thorneloe, and Miss Francesca de Bono, daughter of Professor and Mrs Antony de Bono. The Rev Derek Walker officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Mrs George Edmonds, Miss Jessica Thorneloe, Harriet and Patrick Hunter. Mr Thomas Gadsby was best man.

A guard of honour was found by Warrant Officers and Senior Non Commissioned Officers of the 1st Battalion, The Welsh Guards.

A reception was held at Kirtlington Park and the honeymoon is being spent in Scotland.

**Mr D.G.R. Wansbrough**
**and Mrs T.J. Wormald**

The marriage took place in London, on Friday, December 20, of David Wansbrough and Jane Wormald.

## Christmas Eve church services

**ARMAGH CATHEDRAL:** 5 Choral E. Wood in D. In dulci jubilo (Pearsall), Blessing of the Crib.
**BELFAST CATHEDRAL:** 8pm, Service of Nine Lessons & Carols; 11.30pm, First Eucharist of Christmas, Jackson in G.
**BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL:** 7.15 MP; 7.30 HC; 3.30 EP; 5.30 Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols; 11.30pm Midnight Mass, Puer tuus est nobis, Missa Verbum coro (Jeffcoat). Illuminare Jerusalem (Poston), Ave verum (Elgar). The Provost.
**BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL:** 4 Carols at the Christmas Tree. The Provost; 11.30pm Midnight Euch, Mass of the Quiet Hour (Oldroyd), Canon D Galilee.
**BRECON CATHEDRAL:** 3.30 Blessing of the Crib and First Evensong of Christmas.
**BRISTOL CATHEDRAL:** College Green 8.40 M; 12.30 HC; 3.30 Serivce of Nine Lessons & Carols; 11.30pm Midnight Euch. Darke in F, Canon J Simpson.
**CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL:** 7.30 M; 8 HC, Rite A. Saints and Martyrs of Our Time, corona; 11 Crib Service, Archdeacon of Canterbury; 3 Carol Service; 5 E. Responses (Piccolo), Sumsion in A. Adam lay y bounden — Ord.
**CARLISLE CATHEDRAL:** 3 Crib Service; 6.30 Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols; 11.30pm Midnight Euch. Canon D Weston.
**CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL:** 8.15 HC; 4 Crib Service; 6 Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols; 11.30pm Midnight Mass.
**CHESTER CATHEDRAL:** 3.30 Carol Service; 5.30 Children's Crib Service, Canon Dr T Dennis; 11.30pm Midnight Euch. Canon J Newcome.
**CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL:** 7.30 M; 8 HC; 4.15 Blessing of Crib; 5.30 E; 10.45pm Vigil of Music and Readings; 11.30pm Midnight Euch.
**CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, Oxford:** 3 Service of Nine Lessons & Carols.
**COVENTRY CATHEDRAL:** 9 MP; 12 C; 12.40 Midday Prayer; 3.30 Children's Service; 7 The Form of a Servant.
**DURHAM CATHEDRAL:** 7.30 HC; 9 MP; 3 Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols; 5.15 EP.
**ELY CATHEDRAL:** 7.40 M; 8 HC; 6.30 E, Carol Service, Procession and Blessing of Crib; 11.30pm First Eucharist of Christmas, Little Organ Mass (Mozart), The Dean.
**GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL:** 4 Children's Service (boys' voices); 11.45pm Midnight Euch, Dixit Maria Mass (Hassler). The Sub-Dean.
**LEICESTER CATHEDRAL:** 7.40 MP; 8 HC; 4, Festival of Nine Lessons with Carols; 11.30pm S Euch, Missa Brevis in C (Mozart), In the bleak mid-Winter (Darke), Bishop of Leicester.
**LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL:** 9.30 HC; 5.30 EP; 6.30 Family Crib Service with Cathedral Choristers; 11.30pm First Eucharist of Christmas, Mass in G (Schubert), Christians be joyful (Bach), In the bleak mid-winter (Darke), Rev A Smith.
**LINCOLN CATHEDRAL:** 7.40 M; 8, 10.30 HC; 3.30 EP; 4 Carol Service, Mayor's Christmas Message; 11.30 Midnight Euch and Blessing of Crib, Mass of the Quiet Hour (Oldroyd), O men from the fields (A Cooke), the Chancellor.
**MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL:** 7.45 MP; 8 HC; 12 Family Carols; 2 EP; 11.30pm, First Communion of Christmas, Bishop of Manchester.
**NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL:** 6 Carol Service; 11.30pm Blessing of Crib and First Euch, Canon P Strange, Missa S Joannis de Deo (Haydn), What sweeter music can we bring (Rutter). The Provost.
**NEWPORT CATHEDRAL:** 3 Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols; 11.30 First Euch.
**PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL:** 4 Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols and Blessing of Crib; 5.30 E; 8 Carols with Salvation Army Citadel Band; 11.45pm S Euch, the Bishop.
**RIPON CATHEDRAL:** 8 Euch, Canon D Howard; 8.30 M; 11 Blessing of Crib; 4.30 E; 5.30 Nine Lessons & Carols; 11.30pm Midnight Euch, Jackson in G. Bethlehem Down (Warlock), Lullaby (Kelly), Canon P Marshall.
**ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL:** 7.30 M; 8 HC; 3.15 E; 3.45 Blessing of Crib; 11.30 Midnight Mass, Messe de Minuit (Charpentier), In the bleak mid-winter (Darke), the Bishop.
**SALISBURY CATHEDRAL:** 7.30 MP & HC; 5.30 E, Responses (Smith), Stanford in G, Hymn to the Virgin (Britten); 11.45pm First Euch of Christmas, sung by The Farrant Singers, Silent Night (Gruber), Messe de Minuit (Charpentier), Canon J Davies.
**SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL:** 7.30 MP; 8 Euch; 5.45 EP; 7 Nine Lessons & Carols; 11.30 Midnight Euch, Canon C Smith.
**SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL:** 11.30pm Choral Euch, Bishop of Southwark.
**SOUTHWELL MINSTER:** 7.30 HC, Adam lay y-bounden (Ord); 8 MP, Responses (Ayleward); 3.15 E, Stanford in G, Zion hears the watchmen's voices (Bach); 4.30 Blessing of the Crib; 7 Nine Lessons & Carols; 11.45pm, the Bishop.
**TRURO CATHEDRAL:** 7.30 M; 8 HC; 5.30 EP; 7 Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols; 11.30pm Midnight Mass, the Curate.
**WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL:** 5 Service of Preparation for Adults and Children; 11 Procession to Crib and Midnight Mass, the Bishop.
**WESTMINSTER ABBEY:** 7.30 M (said); 8, 12.30 HC; 3.30 E (said); 4 Service of Lessons & Carols; 11.30 Abbey Midnight Euch, Stanford in C & F, O magnum mysterium (Gabrieli), Canon C Semper.
**WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL:** 8, 9, 10.30, 12.30 M; 4.14 Solemn Pontifical Vespers, Magnificat octavi toni (de Monte), In principio erat verbum (Josquin), Les enfants de Dieu (Messiaen), HE The Cardinal; 5.30 Vigial M w/Carols; 11.30pm Vigil and Midnight Mass (tickets only, BBC1 TV live broadcast), Missa festiva (Peeters), Hodie Christus natus est (Schutz), O magnum mysterium (Victoria), Final from Symphonie I (Vierne), the Cardinal.
**WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL:** 3 Children's Service; 5.30 E & Blessing of Crib, Boys' Voices, Jamaican Canticles (B Kelly), Responses (Archer), Ding dong! merrily on high (arr Willcocks); 11.30 Midnight Euch, Missa Sancti Joannis de Deo (Haydn), In the bleak mid-winter (Darke), Little Road to Bethlehem (Head), In dulci jubilo (Pearsall & Bach).
**WORCESTER CATHEDRAL:** 5.30 EP; 6 Crib Service; 11.30 Midnight Euch, Canon D Thomas.
**YORK MINSTER:** 7.30 M; 7.50 HC; 12 Crib Service; 3 EP; 4 Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.
**ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd:** 7 Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols; 11.45pm Choral Euch, the Very Rev K Goulstone.
**ST. DAVID'S CATHEDRAL:** 7.30 MP; 8 HC; 4.15 EP; 11.30pm First Euch of Christmas, the Dean.
**ST MACHAR'S CATHEDRAL, Old Aberdeen:** 11 Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols, Rev R Frazer.
**ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh:** 7.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols; 11.30pm Midnight Mass, the Provost.
**ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London:** 7.30 M; 8 HC; 2.30 E; 4 Carol Service & Blessing of Crib; 11.30 Midnight Mass, Messe de Minuit (Charpentier), Rev M Saward.
**RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL,** Ennismore Gardens, London, SW7: 10.30 Divine Liturgy, Kievan and traditional polyphony, Diocesan Bishop Met Anthony.
**ALL SAINTS,** Margaret Street, W1: 12 HM of Midnight, Missa Sancti Nicolai (Haydn), The Vicar.
**ALL SOULS,** Langham Place, W1: 11pm C, Revd Preb R Bewes.
**THE ASSUMPTION,** Warwick Street, W1: 11.30pm Carols, Spatzenmesse K220 (Mozart).
**CHELSEA OLD CHURCH,** SW3: 11.30pm Watchnight Service.
**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH,** Curzon St, W1: 11 Sunday School.
**HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON,** Brompton Road, SW7: 11.30pm Midnight C, Rev S Downham.
**THE ORATORY,** Brompton Road, SW7: 6 Vigil Mass; 11.30pm Carols for all, Midnight Mass, Heiligmesse (Haydn), Glory to Handel).
**WESLEY'S CHAPEL,** City Road, EC2: 11.30 Christmas C, St Paul's Cathedral.
**WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL** (Methodist), SW1: 11, 6.30.
**ST ANNE AND ST AGNES** (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 7 Family Carols by Candlelight, Revd P D Schmiege; 11pm, Candlelight Choral Euch, Rev P D Schmiege.
**ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT,** Smithfield: 12.30pm HC; 11.45pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity, the Rector.
**ST CLEMENT DANES:** 11.30pm Choral Euch, Messe de Minuit (Charpentier), O magnum mysterium (Victoria), the Rev P Bishop.
**ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND,** Pont Street, SW1: 11.30pm, Candlelight Service.
**ST ETHELDREDA'S,** Ely Place: 11.30pm. Carols and Midnight Mass, Mass in C (Beethoven), Hodie Christus Natus Est (Sweelinck), O Holy Night (Adam).
**ST JAMES'S,** Sussex Gardens, W2: 11.30pm, Sung Midnight Euch, Missa Rorate Coeli (Haydn), Revd B Wilson.
**ST JAMES'S,** Piccadilly: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev D Reeves; 11.30 Midnight Mass.
**ST JOHN'S,** Stratford E15: 11pm Midnight Communion, Toccata (Widor), Rev D Richards.
**ST MARK'S,** Regent's Park Rd, NW1: 11.30pm, Midnight Mass, Missa Sancti Nicolai (Haydn), O magnum mysterium (Poulenc), Rev T Devonshire Jones.
**ST MARGARET'S,** Westminster, SW1: 11.45 Midnight Euch, Missa brevis (Kodaly), Hodie Christus natus est (Scarlatti), Canon D Gray.
**ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,** WC2: 6.30 Carol Service; 11.30 Midnight Mass, Rev B Schunemann.
**ST MARYLEBONE,** Marylebone Road, W1: 11.30 Midnight Mass, Mass no 2 in e minor (Bruckner), Ding dong merrily on high (arr. Charles Wood).
**ST PAUL'S,** Wilton Place, SW1: 5 Blessing of Crib (Children's Service), Canon R Royle; 11.30 Midnight Euch, Messe di gloria (Puccini), Hodie Christus natus est (Sweelinck), Rev C Courtauld.
**ST PETER'S,** Eaton Square, SW1: 5 Crib Service with Carols; 11.30, First Mass of Christmas, Coronation Mass (Mozart), Joseph lieber & In dulci jubilo (Praetorius), Fantasi 'In dulci jubilo' (Bach), Fr D B Tillyer.
**CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA,** Tower of London: 11.30 Midnight HC, Rev P Abram.
**CHAPEL ROYAL,** Hampton Court Palace: 11pm, Midnight Mass of the Nativity (1662).
**GROSVENOR CHAPEL,** South Audley Street, W1: 11pm Carols for all; 11.30 Midnight Mass, Mass in G (Schubert), Christmas Proclamation (Taverner), In dulce jubilo (Bach), Rev S Hobbs.
**GUARDS CHAPEL,** Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11.15pm Carols at the Manger; 11.30 Midnight HC, Darke in F.

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What love means is to live according to the commands of God. This is the command that was given you from the beginning, to be your rule of life. 2 John verse 6

## BIRTHS

**ALLEN** - On 14th December 1996, to Rosie (née Jackson) and Kit, a son, Archie Peter Tanner.

**CAMERON** - To Juliet (May) and James, born at home on 16th December, a daughter, Laura Elizabeth Trelawney.

**CHRISTIE** - On December 14th, in Hong Kong, to Antonia (née Woodthorpe) and Andrew, a son, Edward Thomas, a brother for Olivia and James.

**DEWHURST** - On 5th November at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Charles and Jennifer (née Boyd), a son, Alasdair Charles Henry, a brother for Oscar. Always remembering Constance.

**FATTORINI** - To Charles and Cecilia (née Birkmyre), a son, Anton Alexander on November 27th 1996, a brother for Alicia and remembering always our beloved Rollo, safe with god.

**GOUGH** - On 18th December, to Sarah (née Stephens) and Jonathan, a daughter, Antonia.

**HALL** - On 15th December, to Astrid (née Morton) and Jonathan, a daughter, Emilia Sophia.

**MACTAGGART** - On December 16th, to Caroline (née Williams) and John, a son, Sholto Auld, a brother for Kinvara and Jack.

## ANNIVERSARIES

**TOOTH:JACKSON** - On 23rd December 1995, Darryl to Nicki. I love you, happy 1st. Nicki.

## GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

**SACHER:GOLDMAN** - On Monday 23rd December 1946 at Caxton Hall, London, Gabriel to Jean.

## BIRTHS

THE TIMES

CHRISTMAS PERIOD
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For notices to appear on Tuesday December 24th the deadline is Monday December 23rd at 12 noon.

For notices to appear on Thursday December 26th and Friday December 27th the deadline is Tuesday December 24th at 12 noon.

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## DEATHS

**ARNOLD** - Anthony Allen on 16th December. Former Secretary of the Chartered Institute of Taxation. A loving husband of Joan and devoted father of Martin and Yvette. Funeral at 2 pm, 3rd January 1997 at Barham Crematorium, Folkestone Road, Barham, Kent. Flowers to A. Welch & Sons, 94 Station Road, Herne Bay, Kent or a donation to the R.A.F. Association.

**BEVIS** - On 19th December 1996, peacefully in hospital, Daphne Elise of Ash Priors, Taunton fomerly of Milford-on-Sea. Beloved mother of Julian and Miranda, Grandmother of Rosie, Harry and Julietta. Funeral service at Holy Trinity Church, Ash Priors on Monday 30th December, at 12 noon. Donations for Save the Children Fund. Enquiries to Anthony James Funeral Directors, 30 Lion d'Angers Ford Road, Wiveliscombe. Tel: 01984 624149

**COX** - On December 20th 1996 peacefully in Elm Lea R.H., Saltwood, Hythe, Kent, Ethel Winifred (Pip) aged 94 years. Widow of Major Stephen Cox M.B.E. R.A.S.C., devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at Saltwood Parish Church on Friday 3rd January 1997 at 3 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Injured Jockey Company c/o Chittenden's Funeral Services, Windmill Street, Hythe, Kent.

**CROSSLAND** - Lady Joan passed peacefully away 19th December 1996 aged 85 years. A dearly beloved wife of Sir Leonard. Will also be missed by so many of her loving friends. Funeral Service on Friday 27th December at St Stephen's Church, Great Wigborough at 2.30 pm. Floral tributes may be sent to W.H. Shepherd Funeral Directors, 93/94 High Street, Colchester.

**de VERE HUNT** - On 18th December at Hereford, Colonel John aged 89. Funeral Service to take place on Tuesday, 24th December at Hereford Crematorium at 10 am. Memorial Service to take place on Saturday, 28th December at St Anne's R.C. Church, Brockenhurst, Hants. at 11.30 am. Donations for Catholic Childrens' Society may be sent to S.A. Evans, 23/24 Gaol Street, Hereford, HR1 2HU.

**DUNSTAN** - Mary, peacefully at home in Cambridge, on December 19th 1996. Cremation private. Donations if desired to Cancer Research.

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**SIMPSON** Ursula is unable to send many cards this year but sends best Christmas wishes to relatives & friends.

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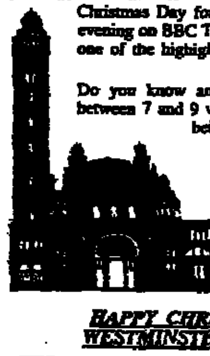

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# GEOFFREY MORTON

**Geoffrey Morton, BEM, former deputy superintendent in the Palestine Police, died in Cheltenham on December 11 aged 89. He was born on September 5, 1907.**

Geoffrey Morton was the man who shot Avraham Stern. During the Second World War the Stern Gang, a breakaway faction from the Irgun Zvei Leumi, consisted of Jewish terrorists who had not agreed to a truce with the British authorities in mandated Palestine for as long as the struggle against Hitler lasted. Under the leadership of the ascetic-looking Stern, a teacher and a poet known to his followers as "Yair" (which means "the light"), they robbed banks, planted bombs and did not hesitate to shoot dead anybody who got in their way.

Particular targets were those Jews serving in the ranks of the Palestine Police, whom the Stern Gang regarded as traitors. By January 1942 Assistant Superintendent Morton had spent two years in charge of the Lydda police district CID, which covered both Jewish Tel Aviv and Arab Jaffa. In this time he had shot dead an Arab gangster wanted for multiple murder in a face-to-face gunfight, clearing a jam in his automatic pistol a fraction of a second before the Arab cleared a similar jam in his. He was also responsible for unearthing several big Jewish arms caches.

But these finds made no difference whatsoever to the Stern Gang, whose crimes became increasingly callous. In November 1941 they murdered one of Morton's Jewish constables while he was off duty and out walking with his wife and young child. One of the gunmen responsible for this outrage was identified by witnesses as a man called Zelik Zak. Then, in January 1942, they had their biggest success to that date.

Three members of the Palestine Police died after being lured to a bomb set up on the top of a Tel Aviv apartment block and detonated electronically from a neighbouring rooftop. Deputy Superintendent Solomon Schiff, one of the most senior Jewish policemen in the force, was killed instantly. Inspector Nahum Goldman died the next day. Inspector E. Turton, the holder of the King's Police Medal for Gallantry for saving a trainload of Jews from an Arab mob, lingered for a week after both his legs had been amputated.

The Mandate authorities responded by offering what in 1942 were substantial rewards for information that would lead to the arrest and conviction of the bombers. A figure of £3,000 was put on their heads and a further £1,000 for Stern himself who, according to Morton, had declared more than once that he would never be taken alive.

Exactly a week after Schiff died, a Jewish informant from Tel Aviv told Morton of four young men who had hired a single room in a third-floor flat in Dizengoff Street. Morton could have waited for reinforcements but he decided to respond immediately. He raced to the flat at the head of a team of six armed detectives. Three set up a loose cordon around the building and Morton and the other two entered the rented room where the first person he saw was Zelik Zak, the man suspected of having shot the off-duty constable in front of his wife. Two other men were in the room, lying on beds in various states of undress. Morton yelled at them in Hebrew "Don't stand up". When they did, he began shooting. Zelik Zak and one of the others were mortally wounded. The third survived with flesh wounds as did a fourth man shot in the buttocks by one of the CID men while climbing out of a lavatory window. All four turned out to be well-known members of the Stern Gang but none of them was Avraham Stern.

In hospital a few days later one of the wounded terrorists was overheard by a guard whispering to his mother the importance of consulting a person living in the top flat at 8 Mizrachi B Street. It was all Morton needed. On February 22, 1942, Stern, apparently unarmed, was found hiding in a wardrobe there. What happened next was to be the subject of at least three successful libel actions by Morton, who always insisted that he neither shot Stern in cold blood nor even "while attempting to escape". According to him, Stern was fully aware that the place was surrounded and that he had no hope of escape, yet the terrorist suddenly made a dash for a window. Morton shot him dead. "I could only conclude that he had some infernal machine rigged up and that he was making a desperate attempt to reach it," he wrote in *Just the Job*, the memoirs he published in 1957.

Geoffrey Jackson Morton grew up in Dulwich, south London, where his father was the managing director of the local branch of United Dairies. He attended St Olave's Grammar School, from which he followed his father into the dairy firm, soon becoming its servery manager.

But during the General Strike of 1926, when he was 18, he joined the Special Constabulary and this gave him a taste for police work. In 1930 he managed to enlist in the Palestine Police, despite the lack of a military background which this particular force still much preferred to any actual police experience. Once he had passed out of the force's rigorous infantry-style basic training at their Jerusalem depot on Mount Scopus, he was posted to its transport section where the opportunities for any real police work were slight. Disillusioned, he left Palestine when his term of enlistment ended in 1932 but returned six months later when he heard that the formidable Roy Spicer, the force's new Inspector General, was making sweeping changes.

Spicer spotted Morton as the kind of young man he wanted to encourage and, once he had passed his Higher Language Examination in Arabic, he was rapidly promoted. In 1935, when a countrywide Arab rebellion against the British started over Jewish immigration, Morton was a head constable, the equivalent of a sergeant-major. In Haifa he had to cope with a dangerous riot in which — saved only by his tin hat — he was almost brained by a falling coping stone. The following year he was awarded the British Empire Medal.

Then, as in more recent times against the Israelis, the focal point of Palestinian rural resistance lay between the three Samarian towns of Jenin, Nablus and Tulkarm, which the British called the Triangle of Terror. In April 1938 Morton, promoted to Assistant Superintendent, was put in command of the Jenin Division and rapidly distinguished himself, earning in particular the plaudits of Bernard Montgomery, the little major-general who, commanding a division of British troops, had hastened to the territory.

Morton survived several skirmishes, demonstrating an admirable coolness under fire in a fissured countryside ready-made for ambush, though he tended to shrug off praise saying that the Arabs were bad shots. But his real flair was for finding arms caches, a task at which he displayed the kind of imaginative tactics that were completely belied by his somewhat solemn, policeman's exterior.

After descending on one village, where he was convinced arms were hidden and receiving the usual blank denials, he took one of the chief suspects around the back of a building from where the assembled villagers heard a shot followed by a scream which was cut short by another shot followed by a shorter even louder scream. Weapons were promptly handed over and when the haul was complete the "dead man" was resurrected, appearing between the two grinning Arab constables who had made the blood-curdling screams.

By the beginning of 1939, towards the end of the Arab revolt, Jewish counter-terrorism had started. Two British policemen were killed when they were examining some booby-trapped bombs placed on a train full of Arab workers. Morton discovered that the man behind these bombs was called Avraham Stern. It was the first time he had heard his name.

After Morton killed Stern he was provided with three police bodyguards and was always accompanied by at least two of them. This did not deter Stern's disciples from trying to avenge his death. On May 1, 1942, Morton and his wife Alice, who was working as a teacher in Jaffa, plus two of the bodyguards, were driving past an orange grove when the terrorists detonated a landmine made up of 60 sticks of gelignite. The explosion was loud enough to send people in Jaffa three miles away down to their air raid shelters but, though the car was wrecked, all the passengers were unhurt, apart from concussion. A few days later Morton discovered that two more home-made landmines had been placed in the cemetery where he and his wife would have been interred — with the intention, no doubt, of reuniting them with the High Commissioner and other members of the governing élite there to pay their last respects.

Having survived such attempted reprisals, the Mortons were sent home on extended leave. When they returned to Palestine almost a year later Morton, though promoted to deputy superintendent, was given a series of non-jobs, including being the police representative on the film censorship board. Things had changed.

The Germans had been thrown out of North Africa and the Jews in Palestine no longer felt they needed the British to protect them. Stern, during his life reviled by many of the Jewish community almost as much as by the British, had taken on the halo of a posthumous hero. Rumours about the manner of his death persisted. The American attitude towards Jewish terrorism was increasingly ambivalent. The man who had killed Avraham Stern had become an embarrassment. Less than a year after he returned, Morton left Palestine for good and without regret.

After service in Trinidad he ended his police career in 1954 as deputy police commissioner of Nyasaland where he was best known for the interest he took in the Police Band. His liking for Africa and Africans probably made this the happiest part of his service. He developed a strong distaste for South Africa's apartheid system, a viewpoint that was not always shared by his contemporaries.

After his return to England he worked for many years as a security and personnel officer for an engineering firm in Gloucestershire before retiring to Cheltenham, where few of his bridge partners were aware of his colourful past. He is survived by his wife Alice, whom he married in 1939, and a son and daughter.

# MARIA DONSKA

**Maria Donska, pianist, died on December 20 aged 84. She was born in Poland on September 5, 1912.**

AN ACCOMPLISHED interpreter of the music of Beethoven, Schubert and Chopin, Maria Donska will be particularly remembered for her fine performances at the National Gallery's memorable lunchtime concerts during the Second World War. These, initiated by Myra Hess after the gallery's collection had been removed to a safe place, and supported by Denis Matthews, Cyril Smith, Kathleen Ferrier and many others, became musical events of immense importance for those in search of an interlude of peace and reflection in bomb-battered London. Hundreds came to enjoy exquisite works each day.

As a pianist, it was said by one of her pupils, she never came between her listeners and their enjoyment of the work. It was vital to understand how a composer wished a piece to be played, Donska said, and for interpreters never to impose their own personalities upon it. She liked to cite Chopin's work as an example: so often, she said, played unrhythmically and sentimentally when Chopin intended it to be rhythmical. It was characteristic of her that she should express her strong views on music fearlessly.

Maria Donska was born in Lodz, the daughter of a distinguished philologist and engineer. As a pianist she was a prodigy, beginning to play when she was four. By the age of seven, by which time her family had moved to Gdansk where her father was organising a shipbuilding contract, she was giving professional concerts, playing the works of Schubert and Schumann for British diplomats.

She made her first appearance with an orchestra when she was 11, flawlessly carrying off a quick and complex piece by Weber. A year later, she left school to study music full-time at a conservatoire, doing so well there that she was sent on to Berlin to work under Schnabel. She was now 14, and it was there that she met Barbara Speyer — the daughter of the violinist Leonora Speyer — who was another student of Schnabel's. They became lifelong friends.

Her time spent studying under Schnabel proved an unforgettable experience. Besides his greatness as a pianist and the influence this inevitably had on her work, he had, she told friends, a brilliant intellect and wit, although he looked like a bank manager. Schnabel, in his turn, thought so highly of his student that he took her to London in 1929 when invited by Samuel Cortauld to give a series of Mozart and Schubert recitals. Indeed, it was Schnabel, Donska argued, who was in large part responsible for bringing the work of these two composers to the attention of the British public.

Bust of Donska sculpted by Jacob Epstein

In 1933, horrified at the emergence of Hitler and the stirrings of anti-Semitism — benches for Jews, for example, were painted yellow — Donska returned to Poland to work for Warsaw Radio before in 1934, clutching in her hand a £5 ticket, she found herself on a boat embarking for London. Ever since she had visited London with Schnabel, she had longed to see the city again.

From then on her life became increasingly active. When the BBC heard that she had experience in radio, she was at once asked to make recordings for it. She went to live in St John's Wood with her friend Speyer, applied for British citizenship, helped the poet Walter Thomas with his book of Mozart's letters and, in 1936, enrolled at the Royal College of Music. When asked by one senior pianist why she, so evidently gifted, should want lessons, she replied: "To learn English so that I can play in this country."

She remained at the RCM until 1940, winning the Hopkinson Gold Medal in 1936, the Chappell Gold Medal (the college's highest award for excellence) in 1937 and the Clement Exhibition in 1938. She had a tragic love affair with the painter Mark Gertler and it was she who found his body when he committed suicide in 1939.

With the outbreak of war, Donska toured the country for the Council for the Encouragement of Music and the Arts — the precursor of the Arts Council. Meanwhile, she moved to Windsor to avoid the Blitz. But it was at this point that she suffered a severe mental breakdown, exacerbated by fearful anxiety for the wellbeing of her family in occupied Poland. This kept her from playing in public.

In 1943 she returned to recording for the BBC, played at the National Gallery and at the Wigmore Hall and, to replace those who had been called up, began to teach at the RCM and continued to do so until 1946. She joined the Bryanston Summer School in 1948, playing each year until 1951 when the summer school was transferred to Dartington where she continued throughout the 1950s.

In 1955 she gave recitals of the complete Beethoven sonatas at the Festival Hall and it was during one of these that she met Jacob Epstein. He was so struck by her performance and beauty that he asked her to sit for him. The 12 sittings she gave him proved, she said, "the experience of a lifetime". They would discuss their shared love of music, Shakespeare, poetry and especially the work of William Blake, of whom Epstein had been commissioned to make a likeness for Westminster Abbey.

She continued to give concerts until the 1970s, playing at the Wigmore Hall and recording for the BBC. She also taught at the RCM from 1960 to 1980. When in 1989 illness ended her career as a pianist she buried herself in reading Shakespeare. Until the end of her life she enjoyed discussing anything to do with music, literature or art with the many admirers who came to see her.

Maria Donska remained unmarried. Her lifelong friend and companion Barbara Speyer died in 1987 and all her Jewish relatives, including her brother, were killed by the Nazis during the war.

# AIR VICE-MARSHAL PETER WARD

**Air Vice-Marshal Peter Ward, former Director General of Royal Air Force Training, died on November 20 aged 66. He was born on January 26, 1930.**

ONE OF the first "postwar entry" air marshals, Peter Ward was foremost an aviator. Unusually, he served in four separate RAF Commands and, in the course of his career, flew an exceptional variety of aircraft despite the fact that his impressive stature — he was 6ft 5in tall — might not have seemed ideally suited to the cramped confines of a cockpit.

Peter Alexander Ward was born in Bagshot and educated at Woking Grammar School. Determined to fly from the outset, he joined the RAF as a cadet pilot in 1947 and after flying training was posted to 210 Squadron flying Lancasters on maritime reconnaissance. In those days, sorties were often flown at alarmingly low level, a fact attested to by corroded airframes. On detachment in Malta, Ward once handed over a Lancaster, its engines running, only for the aircraft's wings to fold minutes later over the Mediterranean, with tragic consequences.

Later, while instructing at the Joint Anti-Submarine School in Londonderry, Ward was held captive for several hours in a disused warehouse by republican hardliners. Never short of charm or humour, he passed the time with his captors while they drank themselves to a better disposition, eventually releasing him unharmed.

He returned to flying duties in 1955 when he was posted to 101 Squadron at Binbrook. The squadron's Canberras were soon operational over the jungles of Malaya, bombing communist targets at low level. Ward displayed remarkable airmanship following a canopy failure and depressurisation at 40,000ft over a tropical storm. Hindered by a flailing oxygen mask and no longer able to establish his height or altitude, Ward had little option but to put the aircraft into a steep and potentially unstable dive, plummeting into the furious weather below. Returning to Malta, the squadron was soon operational again, this time against airfields during the Suez crisis. The destruction of Nasser's air force doubtless saved the lives of many troops in the ensuing invasion at Port Said.

Posted in 1957 to 83 Squadron's brand new Vulcans, Ward continued to display the intuitive skill that made him a natural pilot. Described by his commanding officer as a superb aviator, he led his crew in winning consecutive Bomber Command bombing competitions. He displayed the aircraft throughout the United States and at Paris where, somewhat unusually, he barrel-rolled it. The Cuban missile crisis, however, drove home the grave responsibility entailed in piloting Britain's nuclear deterrent. At the height of the crisis, crews sat aboard armed aircraft at immediate notice to fly.

After commanding the RAF detachment at Goose Bay in Labrador, Ward returned to the Ministry of Defence. He resumed flying in 1968 and, although surprised to find himself commanding 511 Britannia Transport Squadron, proved characteristically adaptable, swiftly assimilating the complexities of transport operations, which later proved invaluable.

Following a period as both student and instructor at the National Defence College, Ward was posted to Ethiopia as military adviser to Haile Selassie's Imperial Forces. Presented at court, he had the unusual experience of being invited to join the Emperor's lion-shooting party.

He took over Brize Norton in 1974. It was then the RAF's largest station with some 10,000 personnel and dependants, and proved a challenging command. The announcement of massive cuts in the transport force threatened a collapse of aircrew morale, while the Cyprus airlift tested the station's operational capability. Ninety-five sorties were flown at short notice, and some 7,500 Britons evacuated.

In 1976, Ward became Senior Air Staff Officer at 38 Group, which provided close air and tactical transport support for the Army. While there, he found time to maintain his flying currency on the group's Harrier and Jaguar aircraft. He moved from 38 Group to the Royal College of Defence Studies where, promoted to Air Vice-Marshal in 1979, he was appointed Director General of Training. In a time of increased focus on defence expenditure, he appeared before a Commons Defence Select Committee, justifying the expense of the flying training programme.

He played an instrumental part in the first major sale of Hawk aircraft to Saudi Arabia. British Aerospace acknowledged his input as an impartial but expert trainer of aircrew.

Ward's last service appointment in 1982, as Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations and Intelligence), Allied Air Forces Central Europe, came at a time of diminishing political resolve within Nato, following the proposed deployment of Pershing and cruise missiles on European soil. His diplomatic skill and incisive mind contributed to the competence and solidarity that prevailed within the headquarters, regardless of difficulties at the political level.

Retiring from the Air Force in 1984, he spent a frustrating two years as general manager of a health authority before a brief period as a management consultant. A keen sailor, he finally retired to Lymington where he became an avid bird watcher as well. He kept a number of Service links as vice-chairman of the Regular Forces Employment Agency, director of the Corps of Commissionaires and a trustee of the Royal Patriotic Corporation. His remaining time he devoted to various local committees.

He met his wife Patricia when serving in Labrador. They married in Canada in 1963. He is survived by her and by their two sons.

# University news

**Oxford**
SOMERVILLE COLLEGE

The following elections have been agreed:

To a Coombs Scholarship in English: Carolyn Louise Smith, formerly of Lliswerry High School, Gwent.

To a Bull Exhibition in English: Rebecca Alexandra Goss, Devonport High School for Girls, Plymouth.

To a Coombs Exhibition in Jurisprudence: Sheena Shabnam Singla, Wycombe Abbey School, Bucks.

To a Coombs Prize in History: Helen Elizabeth Perry, City of London School for Girls.

To a Coombs Prize in English: Jonathan Charles Samuel Day, Nelson Thomlinson School, Cumbria.

To a Coombs Prize in English: Thomas David Owen, Bishop's Stortford College, Herts.

To a Kirkaldy Prize in Physics: Martin Christopher Bates, Hyde-Clarendon College, Herts.

To a Sarah Smithson Prize in Modern Languages: Zoe Christina Hardwick, Presdales School, Herts.

To a College Prize in Engineering: Emily Ann Coleman, The European School, Belgium.

To a College Prize in Engineering: Maria Alexandra Hatchman, Birkenhead High School GPDST.

**Cambridge**
FITZWILLIAM COLLEGE

The following have been elected into Fellowships in Class C from October 1, 1997:

Conor James Houghton, postgraduate student at Trinity College, Cambridge, for the purpose of research in APplied mathematics.

Helen Frances Weeds, America's Senior Scholar at Merton College, Oxford, for the purpose of research in economics.

**Manchester**
Appointments

Elena Costas Andreou, Lecturer in Econometrics in the School of Economic Studies from September 1, 1996.

Kersti E Börjars, Lecturer in Linguistics from September 1, 1996.

Myfanwy Bryce, Lecturer (in succession to Research Fellow) in the Department of Physics and Astronomy from October 1, 2000.

Timothy David John Chappell, Lecturer in Philosophy from September 1, 1996.

Andrew Frederick Clark, Senior Lecturer in Adolescent Psychiatry in the Department of Psychiatry from February 1, 1997.

Margaret Catherine Dolan, Senior Lecturer in Forensic Psychiatry in the Department of Psychiatry from August 1, 1996.

Peter Kinderman, Lecturer in Clinical Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry from September 1, 1996.

Peter Kirby, Lecturer in Economic History from January 1, 1997.

Karina M M Reynolds, Senior Lecturer in Gynaecological Oncology in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Reproductive Healthcare from January 1, 1997.

Simon Gregory Robinson, Lecturer in Geography from September 1, 1996.

Jennifer Jayne Shaw, Senior Lecturer in Forensic Psychiatry in the Department of Psychiatry from November 1, 1996.

David Rodgers, Chief Executive (in addition to production director) in the Manchester University Press from August 1, 1996.

Kevin Casey, senior buyer in the office of the Director of Finance, Registrar and Secretary's Department, from April 1, 1996.

# ON THIS DAY

## December 23, 1910

### THE LEIPZIG TRIAL.
### BRITISH OFFICERS FOUND GUILTY.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LEIPZIG, DEC 22.

After two days' trial Lieutenant Brandon and Captain Trench were this evening found guilty of attempting to convey to the British Admiralty information the keeping secret of which is an essential interest of German national security. Under consideration of "mitigating circumstances" they were sentenced to four years' detention in a military fortress, less two months to be deducted in consideration of their imprisonment while awaiting trial. The Court ordered the papers, maps, instruments, and so on found in the possession of the officers to be confiscated. The findings of the Court of 14 Judges were declared to be unanimous.

Sentence was passed at half-past 4, after a sitting of six hours, followed by the retirement of the Judges for an hour and a half. During the reading of the explanatory statement and the sentence itself both prisoners stood motionless and impassive, betraying nothing whatever by face or gesture.

It will be remembered that when the Court rose last night the evidence had been exhausted in regard to all the localities except Borkum, and that the military representatives objected to any evidence about Borkum being given in public . . .

The secret hearing of the evidence about Borkum took about an hour and a half. There were few, but those not uninteresting, subsequent allusions to it. Dealing with the question why, after Brandon's arrest at Borkum, Trench remained behind and accompanied him to Emden instead of making good his own escape, counsel for the prosecution argued that his motive was to secure Brandon's expert observations in the fortifications. The Court, he said, had heard how detailed the information recorded was, including even the measurements of the fortress guns. In another connection counsel said that it was only in consequence of Trench's own frank admissions yesterday and to-day that they knew he had entered the Borkum fortifications at all. There was also a curious reference to the accuracy of the Borkum observations which the Court had considered *in camera*. Counsel for the defence implied that the naval expert, Captain Tägert, had said that the observations were inaccurate. . . .

*The two officers made a favourable impression on German opinion. One German newspaper stated that ". . . neither the English officers nor their superiors can be blamed for doing what they hold to be their duty. . ."*

### PRISON LIFE IN A FORTRESS

LEIPZIG, DEC 22

I have seen the officers' counsel, who has visited them in prison. They were very gay and perfectly satisfied with the result of the trial. It is probable that they will be sent to the fortress of Glatz, in Silesia, a pleasantly situated place, where they will be allowed to provide their own comforts and to enjoy the society of the officers, students, and others, all men of education and good social position, who share the Governor's hospitality in the fortress. The prisoners have plenty of opportunity for recreation and study. There are no irksome regulations, and it will not be difficult for them to obtain leave to make excursions in the town, provided that they return the same night.

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# THE TIMES TODAY

## NEWS

### Car bomb ends loyalist ceasefire

■ The loyalist ceasefire appeared to be in ruins after a notorious republican was injured by a booby-trap car bomb in the Ardoyne area of north Belfast.

Eddie Copeland, who was named in Parliament in 1994 as an alleged IRA godfather, was wounded in his right leg in an explosion as he started his car at lunchtime outside his mother's house.......Page 1

### Millennium project in funding danger

■ Tory and Labour leaders were warned that they have only weeks to settle a political battle that threatens to scupper plans for the Millennium Exhibition. The chief executive who last week resigned from handling the £700 million project said that private companies would reject the scheme unless there is swift agreement on funding.......Page 1

### Peruvian appeal

Thousands of Peruvians demonstrated in support of a compromise between President Fujimori and the rebels holding 360 hostages in the Japanese Ambassador's residence.......Pages 1, 7

### Bishop accused

Roderick Wright, former Bishop of Argyll and the Isles, will never be allowed to return to a Roman Catholic Church post in Scotland, even if he repents.......Pages 1, 6

### Exam plea

State and independent school head teachers have joined forces to demand a postponement of changes to A and AS-level examinations, which ministers hope to implement before the general election.......Page 2

### Missile dangers

Significant numbers of a Royal Navy's air-to-air missile have been withdrawn because of dangerous cracks that could make them explode on firing.......Page 2

### Mystery Maltida

Behind the heroine of *Matilda*, the film based on a Roald Dahl story likely to rate with young audiences, lies a Matilda nothing like her screen persona.......Page 3

### Church struggle

A new vicar has been appointed to take charge of Selby Abbey where a power struggle has led to the resignation of three vicars in six years.......Page 4

### Christmas cost

The cost of Christmas may seem bigger each year but Britain's oldest seasonal price index shows it has risen little more than the rate of inflation.......Page 5

### Heart mechanics

Michael Tynan, professor of pediatric cardiology, and Dr Shakeel Qureshi, a consultant, are readying themselves for a day of "mechanics" the repair of a human heart without of the use of the surgeon's knife.......Page 6

### Shadow government

China's Selection Committee chose the 60 members of Hong Kong's the provisional legislature who are to replace the present elected Legislative Council on July 1.......Page 7

### Yeltsin comes home

For the first time in nearly five months, President Yeltsin's motorcade will sweep through Moscow and into the Kremlin, as the Russian leader begins his second term in office.......Page 8

### Mastroianni farewell

Rome bade a tearful farewell to Marcello Mastroianni, the actor who personified the quintessential Latin lover of the 1960s *dolce vita* era.......Page 8

### Gingrich fights on

Newt Gingrich was fighting to save his job as Speaker after his stunning confession that he had broken ethics rules.......Page 9

### End of the line for Christmas fun

■ There were all the ingredients of a festive staff party, including the feeling of the floor swaying. Aboard the 18.31 London to Brighton train, commuters were having a celebration on the last working Friday before Christmas. This year may be their last. Connex South Central, the franchise holders, are planning to remove the beloved buffet cars.......Page 5

MALCOLM CROFT/PA

Former Beruit hostages, Terry Waite and John McCarthy, watch as Diane Wells lights a candle during a vigil at a parish church in Blackburn, Lancashire, for her son Paul who is being held hostage by separatists in Kashmir

## BUSINESS

**Christmas cheer:** The amount of merger and takeover work around looks set to make 1996 a bumper year for brokers, bankers and the like, with fees expected to exceed £1billion.......Page 36

**Christmas gloom:** Figures from the TUC and the Labour Party suggest long-term unemployment remains hard to eradicate, while the number of children brought up in jobless homes is rising.......Page 36

**Electric shock:** One of the most extraordinary takeover bids in recent history is coming to a close, with the fate of Northern Electric still uncertain.......Page 36

**Hard labour:** More than 150 years after Dickens wrote *A Christmas Carol*, working hours are lengthening, experts say.......Page 34

## FEATURES

**Measured up:** £700 is a lot of dosh to pay for a suit. But if you're the sort of person who is happy to pay that much, then it's a bargain. Joe Joseph orders from Savile Row via Shanghai.......Page 11

**Jane Shilling:** "Goose is ordered, the kitchen is stuffed with sprouts and clementines, brazil nuts and shallots. So why do I still feel so miserable? Because I haven't got anything to wear".......Page 11

**Revolutionary find:** Java skulls suggest that *Homo erectus*, an ancestor of modern man, existed just 27,000 years ago.......Page 10

**Nigel Hawkes:** The worm-like objects found in Martian meteorites and hailed as evidence of life on Mars are not animal but mineral, a new examination says.......Page 10

**Melvyn Bragg:** If Jimmy McGovern's play about the Hillsborough disaster proved one thing, it was that television can speak to — and shake — the nation.......Page 12

**Dance feast:** From testosterone tap to gender-bending ballet, it is a bumper Christmas for dance on the small screen.......Page 12

**Fine performance:** Neil Bartlett's new adaptation of *A Christmas Carol* has one thing going for it above all else: Richard Briers's wonderful portrayal of the old skinflint Scrooge.......Page 13

**High notes:** Berlioz's choral epic, *L'Enfance du Christ*, is superbly performed in Manchester by the chorus and orchestra of the Royal Northern College of Music.......Page 13

**Cricket:** England came within one run of victory in the first Test match against Zimbabwe. It was the first time that the scores were level in a drawn match.......Pages 19, 20

**Premiership:** Wimbledon's 19-match unbeaten run was ended when they were humbled 5-0 by Aston Villa.......Page 22

**Football:** Peter Shilton completed his 1,000 League game without conceding a goal, as Leyton Orient beat Brighton 2-0.......Page 21

**Rugby union:** The sending off of Brian Moore, the former England hooker, almost certainly cost Richmond the chance of victory in their Pilkington Cup tie.......Page 27

**Sailing:** James Capstick, a member of the crew of *Ocean Rover*, a yacht competing in the BT Global Challenge race, gives an account of preparing for Christmas.......Page 21

**Rugby union:** Four clubs will now be relegated from the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship after a surprise mid-season change of plan.......Page 21

**Equestrianism:** Robert Smith and Nick Skelton had contrasting fortunes in the Olympia show jumping championships.......Page 20

5, 26, 35, 38, 42, 45. Bonus: 46.

One ticket won a £10.3 million jackpot: 20 won £158,977 for five numbers plus the bonus; 1,072 won £1,853 for five numbers; 65,601 won £66 for four balls.

## IN THE TIMES

■ VISUAL ART

**Why Bill Viola's video installation for Durham Cathedral was one of the highlights of 1996**

■ LAW

**How two deals have decided the reparations for the Gulf War**

**Preview:** The greatest one-man show of the 19th century — *An audience with Charles Dickens* (BBC2 8.00pm). "A television treat", says Matthew Bond of *Tony Bennett's* New York.......Page 35

### Pots and kettles

Tony Blair and Gordon Brown must make up their minds about taxes. The sooner they do so, the better for Britain.......Page 15

### Nation of shopkeepers

For three years American foreign policy has been organised around the primacy of economics. President Clinton's Asian tour reinforced this trend.......Page 15

### Grouse for Christmas

The real joy of Christmas is neither giving nor receiving, but complaining. Perthshire's finest whisky is not the only famous grouse which should be induIged.......Page 15

### MICHAEL GOVE

While other households may unwind with Cluedo or Happy Families, politicians will shy away from games that depend on skulduggery. Instead, MPs will indulge themselves by playing Fantasy Cabinet.......Page 14

### MATTHEW PARRIS

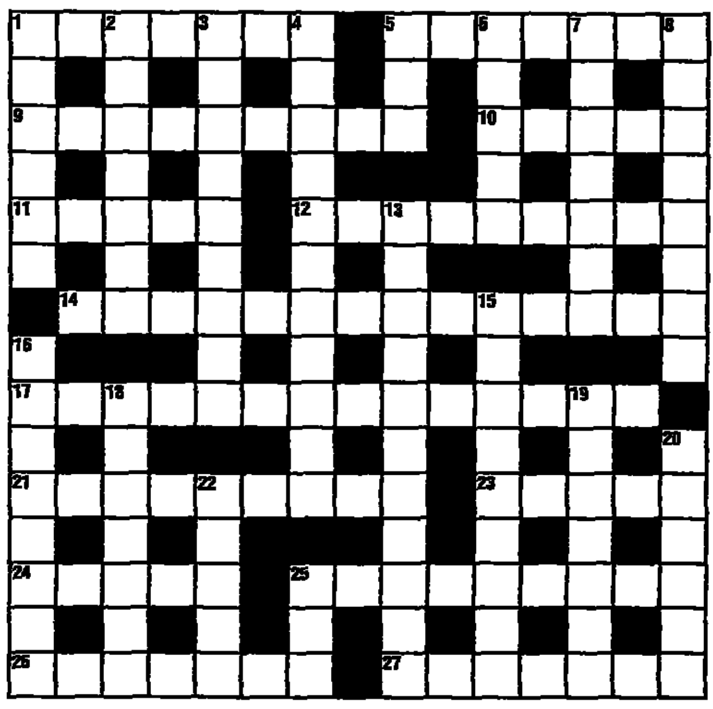
The elevation of pity is psychologically inseparable from the elevation of self-pity. Both are dominant themes in our tabloid press and in the news values of our broadcast media. Populism — the self-worship of the little man — is horribly tangled with self-pity and resentment.......Page 14

**Geoffrey Morton**; Palestine police; **Maria Donska**; pianist; **Air Vice-Marshal Peter Ward**.......Page 17

Ethical concerns in healthcare law; prison population; Royal Academy's problems; preserving historical archives.......Page 35

Japan's Prime Minister, Ryutaro Hashimoto, who has promised to sweep away barriers to competition throughout the Japanese economy, has yet to show he can do so without the foreign pressure that Japan loves to hate — *Washington Post*

## THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,358



**ACROSS**

1 Piano used in his art? Wrong! (7).
5 Weak young creature brought back by detectives (7).
9 Superfluous leftist and German worker (9).
10 Publishers make an insistent demand (5).
11 Only June ends up in this silly fashion (5).
12 Scan Times letters for meaningful analysis (9).
14 Cold-blooded sort of photographer? (8,6).
17 Bravos are making court angry a lot, possibly (14).
21 Minor official position in sight? Then sit back (9).
23 Dandies in back street cricket side (5).
24 In Asia he advanced in a forward direction (5).
25 Animal subspecies circumventing new obstacle (9).
26 Wine taken during current easing of tension (7).
27 Great, say, supporting this dog (7).

**DOWN**

1 Boatman associated with the Tweed (6).
2 New guard set up, having pulled out another lot? (7).
3 Lodging-house proprietor shot outside tower (9).
4 Passed over male for broadcast (11).
5 Section of poem meeting required standard (3).
6 Tree originally seen in an enclosure (5).
7 Height I have raised in shelter for sheep (7).
8 Calamity associated with Kipling's triumph (8).
13 Arab in state festivity reveals delusions of grandeur (11).
15 Turned out novel, though lacking schooling (9).
16 Steel container (8).
18 Most orderly home to dine in (7).
19 Magistrate again punishing oil company employee? (7).
20 A way eastern sailors assembled at rear (6).
22 Left port with weighty cargo (5).
25 Students' leader leaves Oxford, perhaps, to work on the land (3).

ABERLOUR

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,357 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Aberlour single highland malt whisky.

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Moon sets 6.18 am
Moon rises 3.25 pm

Full moon tomorrow

London 3.55 pm to 8.05 am
Bristol 4.05 pm to 8.15 am
Edinburgh 3.41 pm to 8.44 am
Manchester 3.52 pm to 8.24 am
Penzance 4.23 pm to 8.20 am

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☐ **General:** cold and windy day. England and Wales should be mainly dry with bright spells. The far South West may be cloudier with sleet. Wintry showers in northeast England.

Scotland and Northern Ireland should be predominantly dry with sunny spells. Eastern Scotland could see a few wintry showers.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England:** mainly dry, some bright or sunny spells. Wind strong E or NE. Cold, Max 3C (37F).

☐ **E Midlands, W Midlands, S Wales, N Wales, NW and Central N England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, N Ireland:** dry, sunny periods. Wind E or NE, fresh occasionally strong. Max 3C (37F).

☐ **E and NE England, Borders:** variable cloud, some sunny spells, perhaps wintry showers. Wind E or NE, fresh to strong. Max 3C (37F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England:** cloudy, rain at times, some sleet or snow on high ground. Wind strong easterly. Max 4C (39F).

☐ **Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** variable cloud, some wintry showers. Wind mainly E or NE, light to moderate. Max 3C (37F).

☐ **Glasgow, Argyll, NW Scotland:** dry, sunny periods. Wind E or SE, light to moderate. Max 4C (39F).

☐ **Outlook:** sunny spells, wintry showers in East. Windy in South West.

## AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

| | Sun hrs | Rain in | Max C | Max F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aberdeen | - | - | 0 | 32 | c |
| Anglesey | 5.7 | - | 5 | 41 | s |
| Aspatria | 5.5 | - | 4 | 39 | s |
| Aviemore | 3.9 | - | -3 | 27 | s |
| Belfast | 6.6 | - | 5 | 41 | s |
| Birmingham | 4.4 | - | 4 | 39 | b |
| Bognor R | 4.6 | - | 6 | 43 | s |
| Bournem'th | 0.2 | 0.01 | 6 | 43 | c |
| Bristol | 5.8 | - | 5 | 41 | s |
| Buxton | 6.0 | - | 2 | 36 | s |
| Cardiff | 5.8 | - | 4 | 39 | s |
| Colwyn Bay | 5.6 | - | 5 | 41 | s |
| Cromer | 5.5 | - | 5 | 41 | s |
| Eastbourne | - | - | 5 | 41 | c |
| Eskdalemuir | 3.6 | - | 3 | 37 | b |
| Exmouth | - | 0.01 | 5 | 41 | du |
| Falmouth | - | 0.03 | 6 | 43 | c |
| Fishguard | 3.0 | - | 6 | 43 | b |
| Folkestone | 3.6 | - | 5 | 41 | b |
| Glasgow | 5.9 | - | 4 | 39 | s |
| Guernsey | - | 0.08 | 8 | 46 | c |
| Hayling I | 3.1 | - | 7 | 45 | b |
| Hove | 2.3 | - | 6 | 43 | b |
| Hunstanton | 5.4 | - | 5 | 41 | s |
| Isle of Man | 6.3 | - | 6 | 43 | s |
| Jersey | - | 0.17 | 7 | 45 | du |
| Kinloss | 1.7 | - | 1 | 34 | b |
| Leeds | 4.7 | - | 4 | 39 | s |
| Lerwick | 1.8 | - | 4 | 39 | b |
| Leuchars | 1.2 | - | 4 | 39 | c |
| Littlehmptn | 4.5 | - | 7 | 45 | s |
| London | 3.3 | - | 6 | 43 | s |
| Lowestoft | 3.0 | - | 5 | 41 | s |
| Manchester | 6.0 | - | 5 | 41 | s |
| Margate | 2.9 | - | 6 | 43 | b |
| Minehead | 1.6 | - | 4 | 39 | b |
| Morecambe | 5.3 | - | 5 | 41 | s |
| Newcastle | 2.5 | - | 6 | 43 | sh |
| Newquay | - | 0.01 | 6 | 43 | c |
| Norwich | 5.5 | - | 6 | 43 | s |
| Oxford | 3.9 | - | 3 | 37 | s |
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| Poole | - | - | 7 | 45 | c |
| Prestatyn | X | - | 4 | 39 | s |
| Ross-o-wye | 4.1 | - | 4 | 39 | s |
| Sandown | - | - | 7 | 45 | b |
| Saunton Snd | 2.1 | - | 6 | 43 | du |
| Shanklin | - | - | 6 | 43 | c |
| Skegness | 6.0 | - | 5 | 41 | s |
| Southport | 6.5 | - | 5 | 41 | s |
| Southsea | 0.3 | - | 7 | 45 | c |
| Stornoway | - | - | 3 | 37 | b |
| Teignmouth | - | 0.04 | 7 | 45 | du |
| Tenby | 4.6 | - | 7 | 45 | s |
| Tiree | 6.2 | - | 5 | 41 | s |
| Torquay | - | 0.04 | 6 | 43 | c |
| Tynemouth | - | 0.01 | 5 | 41 | c |
| Ventnor | - | - | 6 | 43 | c |
| West-s-mare | 4.3 | - | 4 | 39 | s |
| Weymouth | - | - | 6 | 43 | c |

## ABROAD

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| Ajaccio | 16 | 61 | f |
| Akrotiri | 19 | 66 | s |
| Alex'dria | 22 | 72 | s |
| Algiers | 13 | 55 | f |
| Amst'dm | 0 | 32 | c |
| Athens | 17 | 63 | s |
| B Aires | 30 | 86 | f |
| Bahrain | 23 | 73 | s |
| Bangkok | 30 | 86 | s |
| Barbados | 28 | 82 | s |
| Barcelona | 15 | 59 | s |
| Beirut | 19 | 66 | f |
| Belgrade | 15 | 59 | s |
| Berlin | -2 | 28 | f |
| Bermuda | 21 | 70 | f |
| Biarritz | 15 | 59 | s |
| Borde'x | 8 | 46 | f |
| Brussels | 2 | 36 | c |
| Budapst | 3 | 37 | r |
| Cairo | 21 | 70 | s |
| Cape Tn | X | | |
| Ch'church | X | | |
| Chicago | -12 | 10 | s |
| Cologne | 2 | 36 | r |
| Corfu | 14 | 57 | r |
| C'phagn | -5 | 23 | s |
| Dublin | 6 | 43 | c |
| Dubrovnik | 13 | 55 | r |
| Faro | 15 | 59 | f |
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| Frankfurt | 1 | 34 | c |
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| Mexico C | X | | |
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| Milan | 8 | 46 | r |
| Montreal | -5 | 23 | s |
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| Munich | 5 | 41 | r |
| N Delhi | 19 | 66 | s |
| N York | -3 | 27 | s |
| Nairobi | 26 | 79 | f |
| Naples | 15 | 59 | f |
| Nice | 12 | 54 | c |
| Oslo | -13 | 9 | f |
| Paris | 10 | 50 | c |
| Peking | 9 | 48 | s |
| Perth | 31 | 88 | s |
| Prague | -3 | 27 | sn |
| Reykjavik | 3 | 37 | c |
| Rhodes | 18 | 64 | s |
| Rio de J | 31 | 88 | f |
| Riyadh | 24 | 75 | s |
| Rome | 17 | 63 | f |
| S F'risco | 8 | 46 | f |
| S Paulo | 30 | 86 | c |
| Salzburg | 4 | 39 | d |
| Santiago | 25 | 77 | s |
| Seoul | 4 | 39 | f |
| Sing'por | 32 | 90 | f |
| St'kholm | -13 | 9 | s |
| Strasb'rg | 8 | 46 | r |
| Sydney | 20 | 68 | s |
| Tangier | 15 | 59 | sh |
| Tel Aviv | 19 | 66 | f |
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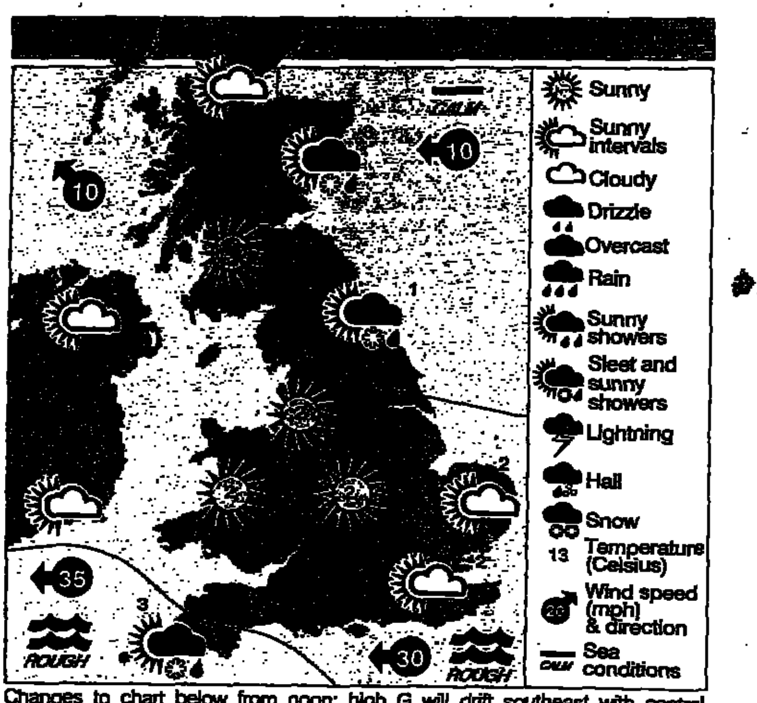

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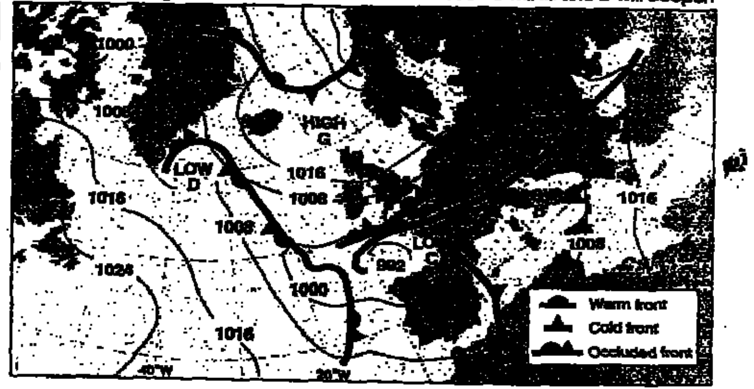

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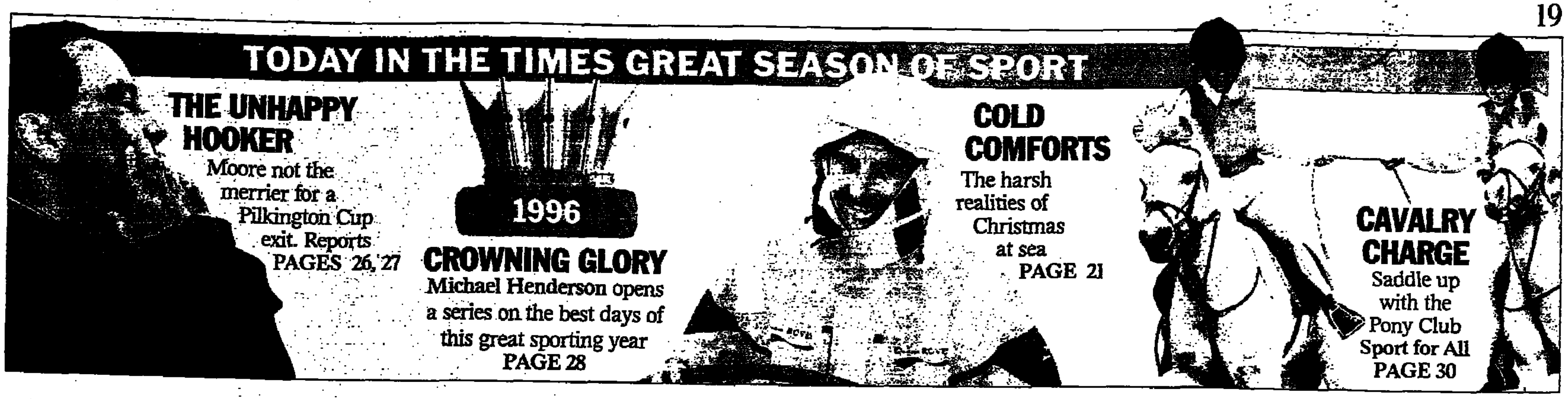

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## ZIMBABWE'S NEGATIVE BOWLING EARNS DRAMATIC DRAW IN TEST

Knight, at full stretch, makes an unavailing attempt to reach a ball wide of his off stump as the Test in Bulawayo moves towards its thrilling finish. Photograph: Clive Mason / Allsport

# England held by wide boys

FROM SIMON WILDE
IN BULAWAYO

*BULAWAYO (final day of five): Zimbabwe drew with England.*

IT WAS one of cricket's best of days and worst of days. The country charm of Queen's Club, Bulawayo yesterday witnessed drama — and the negation of drama — as England went in frenzied pursuit of 205 runs in 37 overs to win this first Test match and Zimbabwe tried to stop them, not by taking wickets but by denying them the chance to score those runs.

> 'In a one-day game, this would not have been permitted. The paradox is that the purest form of cricket does not yet condemn such abuses.'
>
> Alan Lee, page 20

The battle raged right until the end. Rarely does a match scheduled to last 30 hours — though this game was in fact cut by two hours through rain — come down to the last intended ball, but that is what happened here. Test cricket cannot have seen many days like it.

In the end denial won the day by the narrowest possible margin when Nick Knight, who battled away throughout England's innings — desperately trying to marry the conventional to the unconventional, for 96 from 118 balls — failed to his the last intended ball from Streak — one of his straighter ones — for three.

By driving it to Carlisle on the cover boundary, Knight was easily able to gather two runs with Gough, his partner, but the third was never on and Knight was run out by a country mile. "I hit it out of the middle of the bat," Knight said "but it didn't seem to go." It seemed to disappear into the grass. The scores thus finished level — the third time in 1,345 Test matches that this has happened.

As the hot afternoon wore on the temperature within everyone's head rose, but never boiled over. There was scope for inflammatory gestures but none was forthcoming, perhaps because this was Bulawayo rather than Bombay, Brisbane or Bridgetown. But rarely can 2,500 people have made more noise in a cricket ground, farmers and hunters making themselves heard just as capably as the barmy army.

But the tension showed. One of the more passionate people on the ground, David Lloyd the England coach, left his players to pace the boundary edge while one of the least loquacious, Michael Atherton, the England captain, sat glued to the television monitor in the team tent. But after the game, within the space of a few minutes, Lloyd referred to Streak as one of the world's best opening bowlers and of being incapable of hitting a garage door. It was that sort of occasion.

Zimbabwe's tactics will attract widespread criticism in England (though not, publicly at least, by the England team here) but it is only right to give due credit to all the positive cricket that was played and the fact that, in the end, England were cheated more by time rather than by Zimbabwe.

It was indeed the home side that began the day with such enterprise, despite resuming on 107 for five, a lead of only 77. Robust half-centuries from Waller (on his debut) and Whitall winded England, who laboured three hours 20 minutes to claim the remaining five wickets, with at least one chance — Knight, close in, dropped Paul Strang early in his innings — going begging.

England then responded in kind, never questioning that the stiff challenge that faced them in the fourth innings was one they should try to meet. Knight signalled their intentions by executing an extraordinary smash-pull in the first over against Streak. Although Atherton, looking to cut everything, soon dragged the ball from Olonga into his stumps, Stewart came out with all guns blazing, as befits a man who has not failed in a Test innings for six matches.

Campbell soon settled on his two slow bowlers, Paul Strang and Grant Flower, who is no more than a part-time practitioner of left arm, as the best means of stifling the scoring, essentially through the spoiling tactic of attacking the batsman's legs.

Even so, England reached the halfway point of their 37 overs ahead of the game, at 106 for one, and, with ten overs remaining, the score was 146 for one. Only 59 more were needed and the fields had long since betrayed Zimbabwe's lack of interest in attack, though that ought to have been their best hope of salvation. Grim defence was the order of the day.

Nevertheless Knight and Stewart were of necessity running grave risks and eventually Stewart, having struck 73 from 75 balls, miscued an attempt to swot Strang to leg again and skyed a catch to Campbell.

Later in the over, Hussain made room to cover drive and chipped into the hands of Carlisle. England had lost momentum, 49 were wanted from seven overs, they were now behind the game and, as Lloyd said, "we knew what was coming".

After Strang's final over had gone for 11, what was coming came in the form of the seamers, Streak and Whitall, playing cat and mouse with the batsmen, firing one ball down the leg side, another down the off. Streak was not slow in exercising his liberal right to throw in bouncers. Knight resorted to guessing as to where the next ball might be directed.

It was not — realistically could not — be enough. By the time the last two overs remained to be bowled, Crawley and Thorpe had perished and 21 runs were still required. Of the last 12 find-me-if-you-can balls two were not scored from, four produced singles, five twos and one a six clipped off his pads over the square-leg boundary.

Coming from the third ball of the final over that shot briefly rekindled England's hopes and the next ball played a large part in extinguishing them, Streakbowling so far outside off stump that Knight's nearly fell over trying to reach it.

Umpire Robinson, stretching even the generous interpretation of the "wide" rule used in Test cricket, judged it legitimate.

Lloyd, though, said: "We hammered them in this match, and they know it. It finished up with nine fielders on the boundary edge — they were murdered. They were not in this game, and with one more ball we would have won it. The tactics they employed, however, were within the laws of the game."

Campbell said that he believed Lloyd's comments were "adrenalin driven". He said: "If he wants to believe they murdered us then fine, but as far as I was concerned it was a good game of cricket. Sure, we used negative tactics in the final session, but you don't just throw a Test match away.

Knight tacitly supported him by saying that England would have done the same thing had the roles been reversed. But it was ironic that while Zimbabwe's actions was beyond sensure, England had deservedly been upbraided only the previous day by the match referee, Hanumant Singh, for running towards the umpire "in a chorus of appeal".

There were times yesterday, when the Zimbabwe tail was frustrating them, that they came perilously close to a repeat and thus a financial penalty; In the final analysis, it would have been an injustice.

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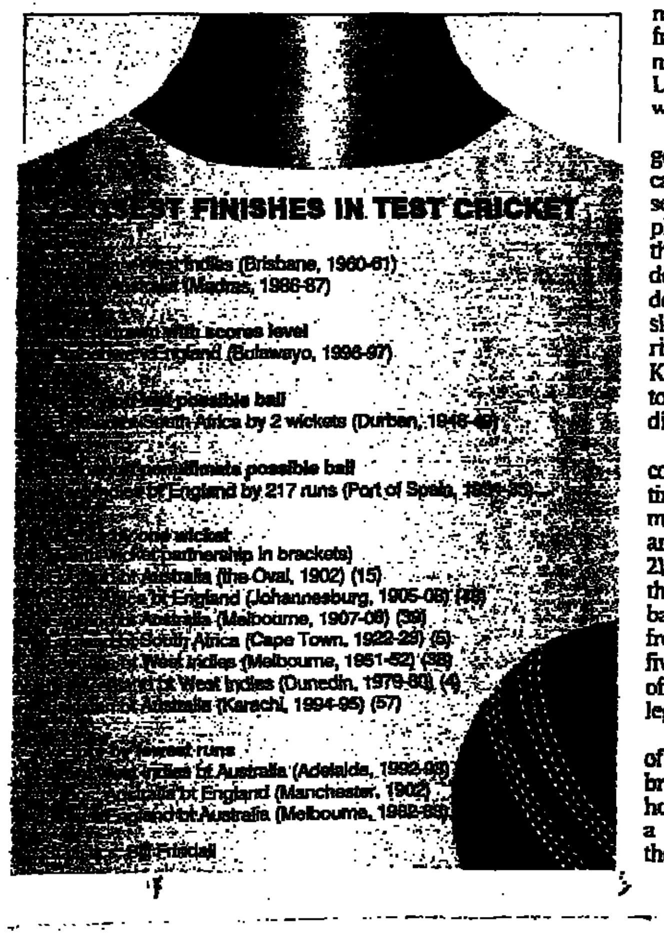

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# Test finish extends Sky's run of good fortune

Fortune is certainly smiling on Sky Sports at the moment. First Evander Holyfield sees off Mike Tyson, then Tim Henman makes it to the semi-finals of the ATP Challenge Cup and yesterday, for two glorious hours, it looked as if England might at last manage to win an overseas Test match.

The fact that they did not matters not at all from a television point of view. By then we had enjoyed the most exciting finish to an overseas Test match shown live on British television. Rising to the occasion, the camera operator managed the impossible with Nick Knight's final six, tracking the ball from the second that it left his bat until it completed its glorious arc somewhere underneath a Bulawayo tree.

Finding the occasion all too much, Ian Botham preferred to keep his stronger comments off-microphone, little realising that they were still just about audible. The gist was, as Heath's Streak penultimate delivery thundered a yard outside Knight's off stump, that he was sorry, but that ball was definitely a wide. Quite emphatic, he was. The umpire, however, disagreed and so the match was drawn.

What an afternoon and what a contrast to so much of what gone before. As the excellent Mark Nicholas said, perhaps it was reward for all those hours of "rather more retrenchent cricket we had sat through". I am not entirely sure that retrenchent is a word, but as a concept it describes exactly the tedium of late Saturday morning.

MATTHEW BOND

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TV ACTION REPLAY

The tedium of early Saturday morning was quite different. Those who had risen early to squeeze in a bit of cricket before their shopping were met with the modern equivalent of blank screens — highlights of yesterday's play. That was my fault, I am afraid.

You see, on Friday, I rang Sky to find an explanation for the "hiccups" that have been regularly interrupting the commentary and freezing the pictures from Bulawayo. Some sort of satellite problem, they thought, pointing out that this was the first live outside broadcast from Bulawayo and that at least it was not like the old days, when live satellite pictures were prone to disappearing for hours on end. Ah, the old days, my, how we laughed. On Saturday morning the pictures disappeared for almost 90 minutes. Apparently, more equipment is on its way to improve the satellite link in time for the Test in Harare, from Boxing Day.

Harare is also where we bid a temporary farewell to Charles Colvile, for so long Sky's front man on overseas tours and its noisiest commentator. Colvile's anchor responsibilities have largely been transferred to the media-friendly Nicholas, while his commentary shifts are shared between a team that for the first time consists entirely of former cricketers — David Gower, Ian Botham, Paul Allott, Bob Willis and, for the African part of this tour, Mike Procter.

Is Colvile sulking? He is not. Until he returns to London to host the satellite network's coverage of India's tour of the West Indies, he is content to patrol the boundary, accompanied by a camera and roving microphone. So, when the pace slows on the field — and my how it has slowed at times — Sky can cut away from the picture provided by the Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation and take in Colvile's perfectly sensible interviews with the likes of David Lloyd and John Emburey and perfectly ridiculous interviews with the likes of the scoreboard operators. Still, it is all atmosphere, I suppose, and, contrary to the evidence of yesterday afternoon, that was a commodity in short supply for much of the match.

The commentary team may be all former cricketers, but it is probably the strongest that Sky has fielded on an overseas tour, with nobody trying his hand for the first time. After several summers with the BBC, Gower is probably the pick of them, as relaxed as ever but more than capable of disagreeing with the umpires when the channel's own super slo-motion cameras reveal — as they did time and again — that a decision was wrong. Must be all those hours with Geoff Boycott, I suppose.

# Zimbabwe's tactics highlighted wide abuse

ALAN LEE

believes regulations need amendment

THE sheer rarity of a Test match in which one extra run would have altered the result will have provoked a prolonged session of agonising in the England dressing-room last night. There will also have been some righteous indignation over the tactics used by the opposition and the interpretation of them by the umpires. So long as England do not try to plead that they would have reacted differently in Zimbabwe's position, they have a case.

This was a game that looked, for much of its course, to be going nowhere. Once it adopted a definite direction, the momentum was so forceful that one team had little choice but to fall back on methods designed purely to restrict and frustrate. A thrilling finish resulted despite the exclusively defensive intentions of half the players involved. This is a frequent anomaly of one-day cricket but in that arena, regulations have been tailored to limit the range of negativity and to punish its over-use. Once the dust has settled on a bizarre day in Bulawayo it may be thought that Test cricket, too, needs to sharpen its claws against such cynicism.

The two significant areas involved were the line of the bowling and the set of the field. As England approached a target they had pursued with commendable spirit, if not always with composure, Zimbabwe directed virtually every fieldsman to the boundary and bowled two feet or more outside off or leg stump.

In a one-day game, this would not have been permitted. There, wides are called strictly, sometimes obsessively, and some close fielders must always be retained. The paradox is that the purest form of cricket does not yet condemn such abuses.

Zimbabwe were neither breaking laws nor using alien tactics. Alistair Campbell, a captain who had increasingly conceded control to his player-coach, David Houghton, predictably said he would defend such methods. He added: "Other teams in similar positions have done the same."

He might also have said that England, with the positions reversed, would faithfully have followed such familiar, if not quite honourable, patterns and he would have been right. Any team under siege will bend the rules to their limit, until those who adjudicate take action. In Test cricket, there is only a certain amount the umpires are empowered to do. There ought to be more. But those standing in Bulawayo chose to do nothing.

Of all the deliveries that might have been called wide and were not, none will have infuriated England more than the ball Heath Streak speared past Nick Knight in the final over. Knight, who had not moved away to leg, flailed at full stretch outside off stump and was physically unable to make contact. No matter the form of the game, this constitutes a wide ball. Yet Ian Robinson, the local umpire, remained mute, motionless, inscrutable. It was a weak piece of umpiring that probably prevented England winning.

Whether they deserved to win is another issue entirely. At times, especially on Saturday, England were themselves too tentative when a more enterprising approach might have asserted earlier control. They will look back and gnash teeth over that, too, but for those who guard the conduct of the game as a whole the concern is not the result but how it was achieved.

There is a pressing, perennial need to promote the good things in Test cricket, to advertise how and why it is a superior product to the briefer, instant version. The future prosperity of the game depends upon this but it is very hard to be convincing on the matter when teams in trouble are allowed to retreat into the use of such murky methods, quite without penalty.

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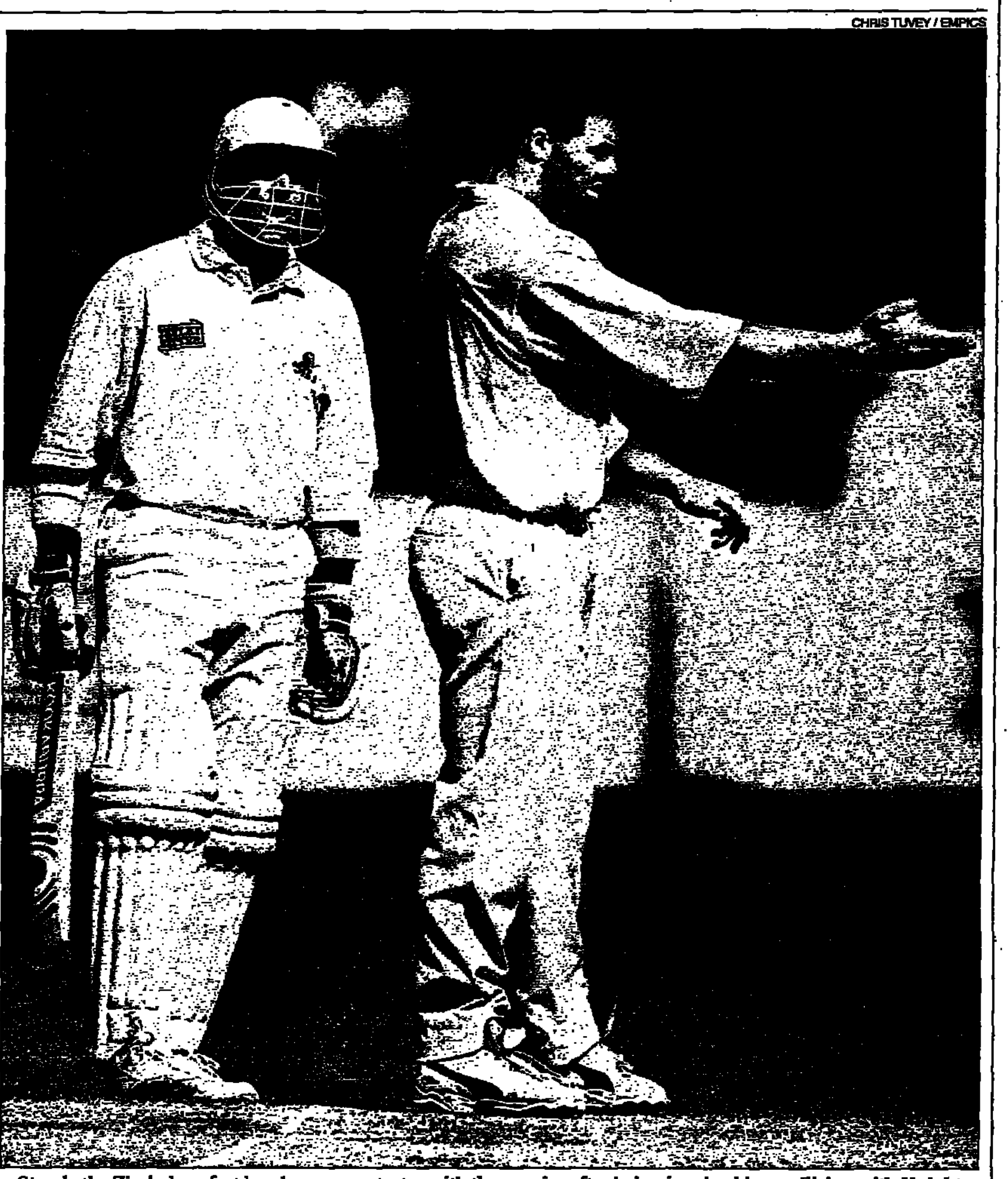

Streak, the Zimbabwe fast bowler, remonstrates with the umpire after being involved in a collision with Knight

## SCOREBOARD FROM BULAWAYO

*Zimbabwe won toss*

**ZIMBABWE** First Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| G W Flower c Hussain b Silverwood<br>(151min, 100 balls, 5 fours) | 43 |
| S V Carlisle c Crawley b Gough<br>(7min, 3 balls) | 0 |
| *A D R Campbell c Silverwood b Croft<br>(156min, 136 balls, 13 fours) | 84 |
| D L Houghton c Stewart b Croft<br>(99min, 60 balls, 1 six, 3 fours) | 34 |
| †A Flower c Stewart b Tufnell<br>(366min, 331 balls, 12 fours) | 112 |
| A C Waller c Crawley b Croft<br>(53min, 47 balls, 1 four) | 15 |
| G J Whittall c Atherton b Silverwood<br>(37min, 30 balls, 1 four) | 7 |
| P A Strang c Tufnell b Silverwood<br>(106min, 69 balls, 7 fours) | 38 |
| H H Streak b Mullally<br>(72min, 60 balls, 2 fours) | 19 |
| B C Strang not out<br>(6min, 2 balls 1 four) | 4 |
| H R Olonga c Knight b Tufnell<br>(2min, 4 balls) | 0 |
| Extras (lb 4, w 3, nb 13) | 20 |
| Total (137.5 overs, 533min) | 376 |

FALL OF WICKETS 1-3 (G W Flower 2), 2-130 (Campbell 80), 3-136 (Houghton 2), 4-205 (A Flower 35), 5-235 (A Flower 47), 6-252 (A Flower 54) 7-331 (A Flower 91), 8-372 (A Flower 112), 9-376 (B C Strang 4)

BOWLING: Mullally 23-4-69-1 Gough 26-4-87-1· Silverwood 18-5-63-3, Croft 44-15-77-3, Tufnell 26 5-4-76-2

**ENGLAND** First Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| N V Knight lbw b Olonga<br>(104min, 79 balls, 9 fours) | 56 |
| *M A Atherton lbw b P A Strang<br>(57min, 43 balls 2 fours) | 16 |
| †A J Stewart lbw b P A Strang<br>(149min, 123 balls, 8 fours) | 48 |
| N Hussain c B C Strang b Streak<br>(357min, 278 balls, 14 fours) | 113 |
| G P Thorpe c Campbell b P A Strang<br>(28min 23 balls, 3 fours) | 13 |
| J P Crawley c A Flower b P A Strang<br>(374min, 297 balls, 1 six, 9 fours) | 112 |
| R D B Croft lbw b Olonga<br>(30min, 22 balls, 1 four) | 7 |
| D Gough c G W Flower b Olonga<br>(7min, 6 balls) | 2 |
| C E W Silverwood c Houghton b P A Strang<br>(15min, 17 balls) | 0 |
| A D Mullally c Waller b Streak<br>(45min 27 balls, 1 four) | 4 |
| P C R Tufnell not out<br>(44min, 23 balls) | 2 |
| Extras (b 4, lb 4, w 1, nb 24) | 33 |
| Total (151.4 overs, 610min) | 406 |

FALL OF WICKETS 1-48 (Knight 29) 2-92 (Stewart 14) 3-160 (Hussain 24), 4-180 (Hussain 31), 5-323 (Crawley 59), 6-340 (Crawley 62), 7-344 (Crawley 64) 8-353 (Crawley 71), 9-378 (Crawley 90)

BOWLING: Streak 38-8-88-2 (nb 15, 1 six, 8 fours 6-2-11-0 3-1-21-0 6-2-8-0 3-0-7-0 5-1-5-0 7-2-14-1, 6-0-20-1); B C Strang 17-5-54-0 (nb 2, 7 fours; 5-0-21-0, 5-0-22-0 7-5-11-0). P A Strang 58.4-14-123-5 (15 fours; 14-4-25-1 20-6-46-2, 24.4-4-52-2). Olonga 23-2-90-3 (nb 10, w 1 11 fours 1-0-10-0 6-1-22-1, 5-0-24-0 5-0-16-0, 6-1-18-2). Whittall 10-2-25-0 (nb 1; 4 fours 7-2-19-0 3-0-6-0). G W Flower 7-3-20-0 (2 fours, one spell)

SCORING NOTES (fourth day) Lunch: 367-8 (135 overs 543min Crawley 84, Mullally 0)

**ZIMBABWE** Second Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| G W Flower lbw b Gough<br>(17min, 15 balls) | 0 |
| S V Carlisle c Atherton b Mullally<br>(14min, 12 balls, 1 four) | 4 |
| *A D R Campbell b Croft<br>(69min, 46 balls, 4 fours) | 29 |
| D L Houghton c Croft b Tufnell<br>(158min, 117 balls, 5 fours) | 37 |
| †A Flower c Crawley b Tufnell<br>(52min, 41 balls, 1 four) | 14 |
| A C Waller c Knight b Gough<br>(135min, 109 balls, 2 sixes, 5 fours) | 50 |
| B C Strang c Mullally b Tufnell<br>(10min 13 balls) | 3 |
| G J Whittall c Croft b Tufnell<br>(185min, 184 balls, 1 six, 5 fours) | 56 |
| P A Strang c Crawley b Croft<br>(61min, 40 balls) | 19 |
| H H Streak not out<br>(46min, 24 balls) | 8 |
| H R Olonga c Stewart b Silverwood<br>(6min, 7 balls) | 0 |
| Extras (b 4, lb 6, w 2, nb 2) | 14 |
| Total (101 overs, 381min) | 234 |

FALL OF WICKETS 1-6 (G W Flower 0), 2-6 (Campbell 0), 3-57 (Houghton 20), 4-82 (Houghton 29), 5-103 (Waller 10), 6-111 (Waller 15), 7-178 (Whittall 32), 8-209 (Whittall 41), 9-233 (Streak 7).

BOWLING: Gough 12-2-44-2 (nb 1, w 1; 7 fours, 8-2-29-1, 3-0-13-1, 1-0-2-0); Mullally 18-5-49-1 (w 1; 5 fours, 7-2-23-1, 5-1-13-0, 4-2-3-0, 2-0-10-0)· Croft 33-9-62-2 (2 sixes, 3 fours: 8-3-7-1, 12-3-30-0, 3-0-9-0, 3-1-4-0, 7-2-12-1); Silverwood 7-3-8-1 (nb 1; 1 four, 5-2-7-0 2-1-1-1) Tufnell 31-12-61-4 (1 six, 5 fours: 16-6-40-3, 6-4-4-0, 9-2-17-1).

SCORING NOTES (fourth day) Tea: 27-2 (10 overs, 43min, Campbell 7, Houghton 13) Stumps: 107-5 (45 overs, 182min, Waller 14, B C Strang 0). (fifth day)· Lunch: 188-7 (80 overs, 302min, Whittall 37, P A Strang 5). Second new ball: 188-7 (80 overs) at 2.42pm.

**ENGLAND** Second Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| N V Knight not out<br>(180min, 117 balls, 1 six, 5 fours) | 96 |
| *M A Atherton b Olonga<br>(19min, 10 balls) | 4 |
| †A J Stewart c Campbell b P A Strang<br>(115min, 76 balls, 2 sixes, 4 fours) | 73 |
| N Hussain c Carlisle b P A Strang<br>(2min, 2 balls) | 0 |
| J P Crawley c Carlisle b Whittall<br>(17min, 10 balls, 1 four) | 7 |
| G P Thorpe c Campbell b Streak<br>(5min, 3 balls) | 2 |
| D Gough run out<br>(17min, 7 balls) | 3 |
| Extras (b 2, lb 13, w 3, nb 1) | 19 |
| Total (6 wkts, 37 overs, 180min) | 204 |

FALL OF WICKETS· 1-17 (Knight 12), 2-154 (Knight 62), 3-156 (Knight 63), 4-178 (Knight 78), 5-182 (Knight 80), 6-204 (Knight 96)

BOWLING: Streak 11-0-64-1 (nb 1, w 2; 2 sixes, 2 fours 6-0-36-0, 5-0-28-1); Olonga 2-0-16-1 (nb 1, w 1; 2 fours; one spell); P A Strang 14-0-63-2 (1 six, 4 fours, one spell); G W Flower 8-0-36-0 (2 fours; one spell); Whittall 2-0-10-1 (one spell).

SCORING NOTES (fifth day)· Tea: 36-1 (5 overs, 30min: Knight 16, Stewart 12)

Match drawn

Match award: N V Knight

Umpires: R S Dunne (New Zealand) and I D Robinson. Third umpire: R B Tiffin

Match referee: Hanumant Singh (India)

Test to come: Second (Harare) December 26-30

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## Neale finds credit in 'frustrating draw'

**ENGLAND'S** under-19 cricketers are one up with one to play after the second match against the counterparts from Pakistan faded into a draw in Sheikhupura yesterday. England were on top for most of the match, but ran out of time after Pakistan had avoided the follow-on. The highlight of England's second innings was an 87 by David Nash before they declared on 205 for nine, 565 runs ahead.

However, a tired attack failed to trouble Pakistan, who had made 100 for one in 26 overs before the captains agreed a draw. Phil Neale, the England manager, was satisfied, nevertheless. "It was a frustrating draw in which we dominated the game, but, because of a flat pitch and time constraints, we were unable to force victory," he said. "It was still a creditable performance."

## Bledsoe rallies Patriots

**AMERICAN FOOTBALL:** Drew Bledsoe helped New England Patriots to rally from a 22-point deficit to beat New York Giants 23-22 in the National Football League on Saturday. He threw for 301 yards and two touchdowns to earn a first-round bye as the second-seeded team in the American Conference play-offs behind Denver. It was a victory for Bill Parcells, the Patriots coach of four years, in his first return to Giants Stadium, where he also coached. "Everybody knows how I feel," Parcells said. "I grew up just up the street here, so this is a home away from home."

## Timely win for Gourlay

**BOWLS:** David Gourlay, right, the world indoor champion, gave himself the perfect boost before setting off for Preston next month to defend his title when he won the Taylor (Bowls) Bicentenary challenge at Dumbarton yesterday, beating Graham Robertson 21-20. It was Gourlay's first victory over Robertson, the three-time Scottish Masters winner, in six attempts.

## Britain out of Olympics

**ICE HOCKEY:** Great Britain's ice hockey team will not be going to the Winter Olympics in Japan in 1998. British hopes of qualifying for the first time in 50 years were ended when Switzerland beat Denmark 8-1 at home last night to overtake Britain and win the group, thus qualifying for an eight-team competition in Austria and Germany in February, from where the top five progress to the Games in Nagano.

## Prock sets course record

**LUGE:** Markus Prock, of Austria, posted his third victory of the season and extended his World Cup lead when he set a course record in the two-race event at Königsee, in Germany, yesterday. Prock clocked a record 47.726sec in the second race for a winning aggregate of 1min 35.632sec. Duncan Kennedy, of the United States, who led after the first run with 47.797sec, was second with 1min 35.662sec.

## Price eyes another title

**BOWLS:** John Price, the defending CIS Welsh indoor singles champion, defeated David Wilkins, his outdoor counterpart, 21-14 in a first round match of high quality at the Afan Lido, Port Talbot, yesterday. Price, seeking to win the title for the fifth time in succession, went on to book his place in the quarter-finals with a 21-8 win over Gwynnant Ellis, of Bro Ddyfi, and will play Rodney Trousdale.

## Tendulkar in the groove

**CRICKET:** Sachin Tendulkar, right, stroked a confident 62 as his India team enjoyed a satisfactory workout on the second day of their rain-affected three-day tour opener against Eastern Province at Port Elizabeth, South Africa, yesterday. India's top six batsmen all enjoyed useful time at the crease before Tendulkar declared their first innings on 335 for six.

## Faiers ends Turner run

**SAILING:** Adrian Faiers and *Taeping* have won the fourth leg of the Clipper 96 race from Panama to the Galapagos Islands. Faiers, 27, the youngest skipper in the eight-boat fleet, beat Ras Turner's *Ariel*, which had won each of the first three legs. The fifth leg, which will take in a 4,000-mile stretch across the Pacific Ocean to Hawaii, begins on Boxing Day.

## Holiday takes chance

**BOXING:** Philip Holiday, of South Africa, retained his International Boxing Federation lightweight title with a unanimous decision over Ivan Robinson, of the United States, in Uncashville, Connecticut. All three judges had Holiday winning comfortably, with scores of 116-107, 117-111 and 118-110. "I'm excited about this victory," Holiday said. "It gave me a chance to make a name for myself."

**EQUESTRIANISM:** FORMER WORLD CUP WINNER GOES TO MEXICAN BILLIONAIRE

# Dollar Girl sale saddens Skelton

By Jenny MacArthur

ROBERT SMITH and Nick Skelton, of Great Britain, met with contrasting fortunes at the Olympia showjumping championships as the five-day show drew to a close. While Smith was savouring his first success in a World Cup qualifier, Skelton learnt that his top horse, Dollar Girl, the winner of the 1995 World Cup, had been sold to the Mexican billionaire, Alfonso Romo Garza.

Skelton, who finished fifth in the qualifier on Saturday, was told the news by the mare's Swiss owner, Joe Haller, immediatley after the prizegiving. "It was the first I knew of it," Skelton, red-eyed, said yesterday. "I was told that she had been given to Alfonso as a brood mare — but I've learnt since that she has been sold to him. I could have stood the retirement bit, but to lose her as well is devastating. I wasn't even given the opportunity of buying her myself."

Skelton, who said the mare is "the best and the kindest horse" he has ridden, took over the ride in 1992 when Haller, who was unavailable for comment yesterday, removed her, equally abruptly, from the yard of the Thomas Fuchs, the Swiss rider. Although Skelton's partnership with her started inauspiciously, when they were eliminated in the Barcelona Olympics, there have been few other aberrations.

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Smith underlined his skill at coaxing the best out of an older horse with his superb win in the World Cup qualifier on Tees Hanauer. Although Smith has won three grand prix with the 16-year-old gelding this year, the win on Saturday was his first success in a qualifier since the World Cup began in 1979.

Only eight out of the 30 that started reached the jump-off, in which Helger Wulschner, of Germany, on Prinz Oldenburg, set the standard with a faultless opening round.

Michael Whitaker, of Britain, on Virtual Village Ashley, then gave a superb display of horsemanship to go clear more than two seconds inside the German's time. Ludo Philippaerts, of Belgium, replied with an even faster round on Trudo King Darco, finishing in 32.53 seconds.

When Peter Charles, on La Ina, Skelton, on Dollar Girl, and Ludger Beerbaum, on Priamos, all made mistakes in their attempts to match his time, Philippaerts began to scent victory.

Avoiding the short-cut to the third fence — where Charles and Beerbaum had both made their mistakes — Smith, the last to go, rode the round of a lifetime to finish in a time of 31.95 seconds. Looking up at the clock, the 35-year-old Yorkshireman threw both arms in the air in delight.

It was not until the final day that Michael Whitaker recorded his first success of the show, when he and Virtual Village Elton won The Father Christmas Stakes. Whitaker, whose third place on Saturday has qualified him for the World Cup final in April, relegated Beat Mandli, of Switzerland, on Galant, to second place.

**SWIMMING:** STOCKPORT OLYMPIAN COMPLETES QUARTET OF BRITISH TITLES IN STYLE

# Hickman hurries to third record

EVEN for someone who has vowed to treat every race like an Olympic final between now and glory in Sydney 2000, James Hickman raised a few eyebrows in Sheffield yesterday as he swam well inside world record pace on his way to the British short-course 400 metres individual medley record and title.

Already in possession of three butterfly titles, over 50, 100 and 200 metres, and having lowered the 100 metres record in the qualifying heat and final, Hickman was expected to be well up after the first 100 metres, on butterfly. The gap, however, was brutally wide. Hickman, 20, from Stockport having split 57.15sec — 0.76sec inside the world record pace of Jani Sievinen, of Finland.

There was never any chance that Hickman, in the midst of heavy training, would stick to Sievinen's flying standard, but the fast start set him up for victory in 4mins 16.61sec, 0.02sec inside the four-year-old record of Grant Robins and 2.28sec ahead of Ben Lafferty, of Leeds. "That hurt," a tired Hickman said. He will take only two days out of training over the festive season before heading out to Australia on New Year's Day for three weeks' training.

True to his passion for success, Hickman was looking beyond Christmas for his wishes, saying: "I'm looking forward to getting my head down and getting some hard work in." Once in Canberra, that will mean up to 75 kilometres a week in water.

The source of Hickman's motivation flows in part from his experience in the 200 metres butterfly at the Olympic Games, where he swam a faster heat (a British record) than final because of the way he attacked his qualifying swim. His creed since has been to race hard at every opportunity.

The man behind such enthusiasm is Dave Calleja, the coach to Hickman, Graeme Smith and Vicky Horner, the winner of the women's 400 metres freestyle yesterday. Smith, the bronze medal-winner in the 1,500 metres freestyle in Atlanta and winner of the 400 metres freestyle title in Sheffield on Saturday in a Scottish record of 3mins 48.85sec, will not travel to Australia with Calleja and Hickman because of his academic commitments at Manchester University, where he is reading accountancy. Calleja believes that Smith may delay his final year to concentrate on his swimming if lottery funding is sufficient to provide a financial security blanket. Officials have given top swimmers the impression that they may receive £28,000 in annual funding.

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That would mark a drastic sea change in swimming. Hickman yesterday complained that he would leave the championships with just £700 in prize-money but nothing for his records. Had he been Welsh, he would have earned an extra £750.

"Graeme will get something from Scotland for his record in the 400 metres [freestyle] and the Welsh get money too — the English get nothing," Hickman said.

## Master goalkeeper marks 1,000th league appearance with a clean sheet and much-needed win bonus

# Shilton celebrates three zeroes and a nil

SIMON BARNES

on a record that may never be broken

Oscar Wilde put his talent into his art and his genius into his life. It is not that Peter Shilton got them the other way round: rather, he put both talent and genius into his art, the great and mysterious art of goalkeeping, and has always had very little of either left for real life.

He played his 1,000th league game yesterday, turning out for Leyton Orient against Brighton — not quite the most distinguished fixture of a distinguished sporting life, but he kept a clean sheet as Orient won 2-0, so that was all right. There is always a good chance that a goalkeeper will make a grand occasion memorable with some disaster or other, but Shilton was given a calm and peaceful afternoon on which to make history. For, really, 1,000 games is an awful lot.

It is not only something that no one has ever done before, it is also unlikely that anyone will do it again. Unlikely that anybody will want to; unlikely that anyone will need to. Shilton was keen, extremely keen, to stress that this was a sporting achievement, and that the rest of his life was irrelevant. His minder stressed afterwards that only football questions would be answered. No, we need not mull over the various disasters that Shilton has suffered and created in the part of his life that he has lived life away from his art.

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But disasters have a knack of staying in the mind. That's life, and that's goalkeeping. Indeed, Shilton's entire theory of goalkeeping is based on the notion that every goal conceded is "a personal disaster": nothing less.

He would have had his work cut out to make any kind of disaster yesterday afternoon. If all games were as peaceful, he would have no trouble at all in playing another couple of thousand. Shilton will talk of save-less afternoons that he has finished exhausted and dripping with sweat, so intense has been the energy he has poured into the match: watching, shouting, organising, commanding.

This was not such an afternoon. In fact, it was 25 minutes before he touched the ball in open play, an occasion that was suitably cheered. There really was not a save to make: a couple of punches from corners, and one headlong gather at the feet of McDonald. And that was about the extent of it.

Shilton has played in 125 internationals, and Orient are not the best team behind which he has played. It is a long way from the Premiership down here. The football on offer was — let us be kind — really not specially good.

For a while it seemed that Rust, the Brighton goalkeeper, might steal the show with a Tomaszewski-like performance, but the charmed life of the first half was not to last. Orient went ahead on the hour when Naylor poked the ball home after the Brighton defence got in a tangle. Ten minutes later, Naylor was brought down by Parris and scored himself from the penalty. There are goalkeepers who would have sprinted up the pitch to take the penalty themselves, but Shilton is not of their number. His religion is professionalism: his technique is command.

What, at the age of 47, is he doing it for? Love; perhaps also something of Steve Redgrave's noble folly. Oh — and money. Shilton's personal life has managed to include all the run-of-the-mill disasters that footballing man is prone to: marital strife, drinking, finanacial mismanagement, gambling. Perhaps, giving himself no outlet for folly in his professional life, which has always been based on the notion of utter dependability, he felt it necessary to embark on every humdrum act of folly available.

He was once said to be earning three times as much as Margaret Thatcher, but he went on to know the repossession man. He has been petitioned for bankruptcy. The latest in the money saga is that he has debts of £448,000, and his 38 creditors agreed in October to give him more time to pay. So to say that he needs the money is to understate the matter.

Goalkeeping is not a battle for him, it is part of a strange and terrible struggle towards the ever-receding goal of solvency. The turbulent strife of the third division must be strangely peaceful, a lovely interlude amid the turmoil of his finanacial disasters.

Shilton is, or was, a wonderful goalkeeper: and a deeply unlucky man. His predecessor as England goalkeeper, Gordon Banks, is always remembered for That Save from Pelé. Shilton has made many wonderful saves, yet he is best remembered for his error of 1973, when Domarski scored for Poland (in Tomaszewski's match) and kept England out of the 1974 World Cup finals. His second most memorable moment was, of course, Maradona's "Hand of God" goal. Shilton's final international appearance was marked by his mazy dribble, a rare, almost unique act of on-pitch folly that allowed Baggio to score. Goalkeepers are always present when disasters occur: that is their function. To be associated with disaster is their fate. Shilton has had more disasters than most, but only because he has played a great deal more football than most.

In all games of football, there are two scores: the one you read in the papers, and the one you keep in your head. This is the knowledge of how you fared in your individual battles against the man or men you most regularly came up against. Whose skill was the greater? Whose will the stronger?

Shilton was the best goalkeeper in the world when it came to winning these individual battles. He would fill the best strikers in the world with the fear of failure, obsess them with the sense that he was everywhere. Shilton is remembered as a huge man, but he is not. He was able to make himself seem huge by the extraordinary accuracy of his positioning and the sheer strength of his will.

And it is still there, some of it. He wants a manager's job, he says, and he is taking each week as it comes. He cannot remember which was his best save or his best match. Too many to choose from. He thinks he could still play in the Premiership. He is getting old. "You think it's going to be there forever," he said. "The it hits you. It's not. And you don't want it to finish. It's growing up, it's growing older." For Shilton, there seems to be no escape from the nets he has cast for himself.

**LEYTON ORIENT** (3-5-2): P Shilton — M Warren, A Martin, R Joseph — I Hendon, J Channing, M Ling, B Heidestrom (sub: D Chapman, 83min), D Naylor — C West (sub: A Inglethorpe, 89), S McGleish

**BRIGHTON AND HOVE ALBION** (4-4-2): N Rust — P Smith, D Allan, G Hobson (sub: R Johnson, 42), S Tuck — D Mundee (sub: I Baird, 63), G Parris (sub: J Peake, 72), K Mayo, P McDonald — C Maskell, S Storer

Referee: G Singh

JULIAN HERBERT

Rare concern for Shilton on a calm but historic day. "If all games were as peaceful, he would have no trouble playing another couple of thousand."

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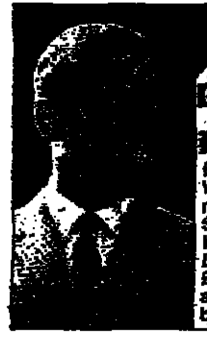

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| 100 | Nov 8 1969 | [illegible] v LEICESTER CITY 1 | South Africa's rugby tour of England disrupted by anti-apartheid protesters. Apollo 12 gives America its second successful Moon landing |
| 200 | Aug 16 1972 | LEICESTER CITY 1 v [illegible] | Last United States troops leave Vietnam. National dock strike called off |
| 300 | Feb 22 1975 | [illegible] v STOKE CITY 0 | Ted Heath resigns as Conservative leader after losing to Margaret Thatcher in party MPs' ballot. Underground train crash at Moorgate kills 35 |
| 400 | Oct 4 1977 | NOTTM FOREST 4 v [illegible] | Bing Crosby collapses and dies on a golf course in Spain. Niki Lauda wins world Formula One motor racing championship |
| 500 | Jan 19 1980 | Leeds United 1 v NOTTM FOREST 2 | Paul McCartney, the former Beatle, deported from Tokyo after nine days in jail on charges of importing marijuana |
| 600 | Aug 31 1982 | [illegible] v Watford 4 | Ingrid Bergman and Henry Fonda die. Yassir Arafat, the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, forced out of Beirut by Israelis |
| 700 | Dec 29 1984 | [illegible] v Sheffield Wed 3 | *Do they know its Christmas?* tops the charts after leading pop and rock artists join Bob Geldof in Band Aid to raise money for starving Ethiopian refugees |
| 800 | Nov 14 1987 | Newcastle United 0 v DERBY COUNTY 0 | Poll Tax to be introduced by Government. Australia beat England in cricket World Cup final. IRA bomb kills 11 at Remembrance Day parade in Enniskillen |
| [illegible] | Aug 25 1990 | DERBY COUNTY 1 v Chelsea 2 | Saddam Hussein's Iraqi troops invade Kuwait. Ernest Saunders, the former Guinness chairman, jailed for five years on fraud charges |
| [illegible] | Dec 22 1996 | [illegible] v Brighton 0 | England draw a thrilling Test match in Zimbabwe and one lucky National Lottery winner enjoys a £10.3 million Christmas present |

RUGBY UNION

# Fight for survival as four face drop

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

BRISTOL and Gloucester have had their differences of opinion on the field down the years, but, when they meet in the Courage Clubs Championship next Sunday, they will have common ground off the field: they will be united in disapproving of the Rugby Football Union's (RFU) decision that four clubs will automatically be relegated from the first division at the end of this season.

Their views will be shared by London Irish and West Hartlepool, who will be striving on Saturday to break the losing streak that has both of them enmeshed at the foot of the table, alongside Orrell, with only one league victory to their credit. Indeed, the decision taken by the RFU's competitions sub-committee will alarm any club in the bottom half of the division.

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It is not the first time that competition rules have been changed or confirmed midway through a season — relegation from the first division last season was suspended at a very late stage — and it is no surprise that it should have happened now. At the start of the season there was talk of only the second division champions being sure of promotion, and a play-off for the runners-up against the ninth-placed team in the first division, but that idea has been rescinded.

"The competitions committee took the decision that congestion at the end of the season would not allow time for play-offs," Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary, said yesterday. So the top two in the second division, positions occupied at the moment by Richmond and Newcastle, will be promoted and there will be extra zip in the stride of Coventry, the third-placed club, when they meet Richmond this weekend.

The anomaly has been created by the requirement, agreed before the start of the season, to reduce the first division from 12 clubs to ten next season while there will be 14 clubs in each of the second and third divisions. The aim is to ensure greater competition throughout the top flight rather than having some of the mis-matches that have occurred this season, clubs such as Orrell and West Hartlepool suffering particularly badly.

The counter-argument comes from those clubs in no position to buy their way out of trouble. "We are trying to promote English rugby and players and, when all those other sides are buying foreign players, I find it absolutely staggering," Richard Hill, the director of rugby at Gloucester, said. Alan Davies, his counterpart at Bristol, added: "What it is saying is that, if you haven't got a £1.5 million playing budget, then tough."

Both make the point that the England management would echo to the hilt: that English players need encouragement rather than those from overseas (though Bristol's early-season purchases included two Ireland internationals and a Wales cap).

SAILING: SEASONAL SPIRIT SURVIVES AT SEA DESPITE INCREASING RIGOURS OF MASTERING THE GLOBAL CHALLENGE

# Christmas landmarks in the middle of nowhere

Vacuum-packed turkey holds the promise of a fine festive treat for **James Capstick**

BT Global Challenge

Fed-up with the pre-Christmas build-up? Are the kids driving you mad with their "when is it?" and "I wonder if Santa will bring . . .?" Not looking forward to the duty visit to those distant relatives? Then why not get away from it all and join us aboard *Ocean Rover*.

We are about 2,000 miles from land, which is probably as far away from anywhere that you can get. We know Christmas is coming because we have a calendar and only the other day one of the crew, Len, produced a CD of his favourite Christmas party songs, which included such classics as *The Birdie Song* and *Itsy Bitsy Teeny Weeny Yellow Polka Dot Bikini*. It is nice to see that, despite a month at sea on the second leg of the BT Global Challenge, some taste remains and it was quickly removed by the owner before it could be float-tested by the rest of the crew.

We will be celebrating Christmas but the scale will probably be weather dependent. We seem to get a day or two of reasonable weather followed by a day of gales. We should start to see an improvement in the weather soon.

In the bowels of the bilges, in an area known as the fridge, are two vacuum-packed sausage-shaped items marked Christmas turkey, which, together with powdered potato and freeze-dried peas, promises to be a treat and a half.

As Christmas approaches, the crew's thoughts are, to some extent, with those left behind and, to wile away the hours spent sitting in the dog house waiting to go on deck, the talk is more and more of Christmases we have had and what we would do if we were at home now.

Although I am the only crewman with a young family, in some ways it is maybe slightly easier for me as my wife, Tracey, and our three children are somewhere in New Zealand, hopefully having the time of their lives. Having said that, it's still a magic moment on Christmas morning (even if it is 4am) to see the boys' faces as they come in to tell you Santa has been.

The way we are going at the moment we hope to be in Wellington before the new year and I will be reunited with my family, which is going to be great and, given the time of year and what we have been through over the past few weeks, will be the highlight of the entire trip for me.

Looking back, even before it is finished, the leg has been tough. We had sight of a recent critical article about the Challenge. It was written by a woman whose name I can't remember, but apparently she's a yachting journalist. In it she suggests, by way of a criticism, that the Challenge has become like a television soap opera. If, by that, she means it's real life, warts and all, then perhaps she's more in tune with what we're doing than I had at first thought, as there have indeed been real problems on some of the boats.

Our immediate concern aboard *Ocean Rover* is arriving in Wellington with the boat in one piece. Since *Concert* lost her mast and several other yachts have found problems with their rigs, we have been checking ours. On Saturday, Paul Bennett, our skipper, went up the mast and found that our forestay had in fact developed a crack and would have to be removed, and hopefully fixed, before it broke.

The sea gods were good to us and we found ourselves in a calm sea. Having braced the mast as best we could, we removed the forestay. Some seven hours later, by this time in darkness, we hoisted full sail and were back in the race. It was a typical *Ocean Rover* team effort to achieve this, but special mention should go to John Hirsh, who spent several hours swinging about at the top of the mast doing a very physically demanding job.

All aboard *Ocean Rover* would like to wish everyone, especially those connected with the Challenge, a merry Christmas and a happy new year and, if we could have one wish, it would be for all the boats and crews to come in safe and sound to Wellington.

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BOXING DAY IN THE TIMES

CROWNING GLORY

GREAT GAMES

Simon Barnes continues a series on the best day of the sporting year by recalling the man with the golden shoes

WORD GAMES

Test your knowledge with the prize Jumbo Sports Crossword

SKIING

# Swiss pair on top of podium

MICHAEL von Gruenigen beat Steve Locher, his Swiss team-mate, into second place by 0.77sec in the World Cup giant slalom on the steep Grand Risa course at Alta Badia, Italy, yesterday. Von Gruenigen, 27, was the fastest competitor in both runs for a winning combined time of 2min 32.66sec.

It was Von Gruenigen's first victory of the season, and the eighth of his career. He had finished second, third and sixth in the three previous World Cup giant slaloms this season.

Locher, who trailed his team-mate by 0.02sec after the first run, finished in 2min 33.43sec. Matteo Nana, of Italy, produced his best World Cup giant slalom performance ever to finish third, 1.49sec behind Von Gruenigen. It was some consolation for the Italian supporters in the absence of Alberto Tomba, a four-time winner at Alta Badia, whose long recuperation after a fall in training continued.

Hans Knauss, the World Cup leader, was the first Austrian to finish. He came fourth, improving his placing after the first run by five positions, and increased his lead in the overall standings, where he now has 421 points.

Thomas Grandi, of Canada, finished sixth in the first run but slipped to tenth place overall as he lost his balance and nearly fell halfway down the second run.

Warm temperatures and poor snow conditions brought about the cancellation of the women's World Cup giant slalom in Morzine, France, yesterday. It was the fourth race to be cancelled in the past ten days.

After a delayed start, International Ski Federation officials stopped the race when Barbara Merlin, of Italy, became the third of the top 19 racers to fall. With fog descending, they decided to cancel the event rather than wait any longer. The next race is in Austria next weekend.

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CRICKET

# Campbell century lifts West Indies morale

SHERWIN CAMPBELL hit a century to steer West Indians to a psychologically important six-wicket win over Victoria at Wangaratta yesterday, four days before the start of the third Test.

Campbell, one of the few batting successes of the tour, was unbeaten with 112 as his side reached their target of 216, Jimmy Adams pulling Brad Stacey, the leg spinner, for four to finish the match 30 minutes before tea.

West Indies, 2-0 down in the five-match Test series, must win at Melbourne to retain a chance of regaining the Frank Worrell Trophy. Courtney Walsh, their captain, was a happier man after the win yesterday, which was set up by Ian Bishop and Kenny Benjamin, the fast bowlers, who shared six wickets in the Victoria second innings.

By contrast, Mushtaq Mohammad, the Pakistan coach, called for his players to re-evaluate their commitment in the wake of their defeat by an innings and 69 runs by Tasmania in Hobart, where they were dismissed for 67 in their second innings on Saturday, losing inside three days.

"We've hit the bottom now, from here we can only go one way," Mushtaq said.

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**FOOTBALL:** WIMBLEDON ARE LEFT IN TATTERS AS THEIR UNBEATEN RUN IS BROUGHT TO AN UNCEREMONIOUS END

# Milosevic trump card in Villa's nap hand

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Wimbledon .................... 0

By Rob Hughes
Football Correspondent

THE fascination with football is its eternal ability to confound. Wimbledon travelled to the Midlands yesterday, cocky in their self-belief, riding a sequence of 19 league and cup games without defeat, secure in the estimation of Joe Kinnear, their manager and team builder, that they possess £50 million-worth of talent in one line-up. Aston Villa became the myth busters.

After a clueless half-hour, Villa ran riot and on top of the five goals they scored, they also had three efforts disallowed for offside. Had they counted, the rout of Wimbledon would have been even greater than that two seasons ago when Villa won 7-1.

And yet, Villa's supporters are not daft. Yesterday's attendance was well below the recent 39,000 visitors to Villa Park, the home fans staying away in anticipation of a dull match with Villa scarcely able to conjure up a goal a game and Wimbledon conceding only seven in eight away matches in the FA Carling Premiership.

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On top of that, the shops were open this Sunday before Christmas . . . and who could blame Villa supporters if they preferred to see Zola caress the ball here for Chelsea on Boxing Day than to see Vinnie Jones do what he does?

Little did anyone suspect that we were to witness a Villa record of five successive Premiership wins. The chill factor, it was -7Cin the wind, seemed to seep into the players' minds; both teams were playing miserly football, with Wimbledon contriving to squeeze the lifeblood out of the occasion by defending with two solid walls of four defenders in front of Sullivan.

Villa had so much of the ball, but so little wit and invention, so little imagination in terms of using the spaces on the flanks. They simply played the ball up to the feet of Milosevic and he, for all his control and his ability to hold the ball up, was unable to evade the posse of royal blue shirts surrounding him. Thus, one volley over the bar from Leonhardsen, one shot curled wide by Draper, and several awesomely long throw-ins from Jones was all that warded off the bitter cold.

In the 37th minute, that changed dramatically. Yorke had, erroneously, been ruled offside when he scored from Taylor's short pass. However, Sullivan's free kick to Cunningham rebounded on Wimbledon. The full back negligently betrayed all the calm defending that had gone before, simply gave the ball back to Yorke and he, one against one with the goalkeeper, gleefully drove the ball into the net for his ninth goal in the Premiership this season. Four minutes later Milosevic doubled the score.

Again Wimbledon co-operated, again a defender, Perry, provided the through ball, mis-directing his header. Milosevic, who only weeks ago would have transferred to Perugia, had the Italian club paid the agreed price, showed tremendous upper-body strength to hold off the flailing Blackwell and, belying the fact that he had not scored since September 7, almost nonchalantly flicked the ball past Sullivan with the outside of his left boot.

The grimness of Wimbledon's intent was exposed, and just after the hour Fernando Nelson, though left ruefully on the turf after running into Jones, began a sweeping five-man move that led to the third goal. From Nelson's pass Wright, Yorke and Staunton combined and, though Sullivan made a relex stop from Milosevic, Taylor was bestride him to head the ball over the line.

Briefly Jones became virtuous, attempting an overhead kick from seven yards that bounced tantalisingly the wrong side of a post. Villa, though, were now in the form they showed last season, moving on and off the ball with nimbleness and self-belief that mesmerised the opposition.

No surprise, then, that Milosevic, hearing his name announced over the tannoy as man of the match, scored a fourth goal. He almost shrugged Townsend, his own captain, out of the way to claim the ball, powered forward and shot. The ball was deflected in off the foot of Blackwell, and though the committee will sooner or later chalk this one up as an own goal, who had the heart yesterday to deprive Milosevic?

Deceptively lumbering in stride, and yet with such fine technique with the left foot, Milosevic was the perfect shield for the stealth, the balance, the refined elusiveness of Yorke. It was his partner who rounded off the scoring in the 86th minute. Once again Milosevic prompted the move.

His cheeky through ball was anticipated by Taylor, and then Curcic, the substitute for Draper, accepted a pass, chipped the ball into the six-yard box, and Yorke poached the goal.

Thus were Wimbledon undone. Their barrenness, their inability to change tactics or to release the two sprinters, Ekoku and Gayle, made the past three months, during which they had claimed ten victories in 14 unbeaten Premiership games, look an absolute fallacy. They do work hard, but yesterday Villa worked harder and with a more incisive edge. The next few weeks, during which there are guaranteed full houses at Villa Park, will tell whether the home team, now in fourth place, have real pedigree. They face Chelsea at home, travel to Arsenal and Manchester United, play host to Newcastle United and are then away to Liverpool. After those, Wimbledon and the rout before Christmas will be long forgotten.

ASTON VILLA (3-5-2): M Bosnich — U Ehiogu, S Staunton (sub: C Tiler, 74min), R Scimeca — F Nelson, I Taylor, M Draper (sub: S Curcic, 79), A Townsend, A Wright — D Yorke, S Milosevic.

WIMBLEDON (4-4-2): N Sullivan — K Cunningham (sub: D Holdsworth, 67), D Blackwell, C Perry (sub: B McAllister, 83), A Kimble — N Ardley, R Earle, V Jones, O Leonhardsen — M Gayle, E Ekoku.
Referee: S Dunn.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Milosevic strides into the penalty area and flicks the ball past Sullivan, the Wimbledon goalkeeper, to score Aston Villa's second goal in their 5-0 victory yesterday

## Zola weaves his magic to leave sad West Ham in a trance

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By Brian Glanville

GIANFRANCO ZOLA said that he should have been warned about Julian Dicks. Dicks, though he did twice save his team *in extremis* and almost scored with a header, no doubt wished that he had been warned about Zola.

When asked whether he had known of Dicks's formidable reputation, Zola, in his engaging English, said: "I think they could say me that before!"

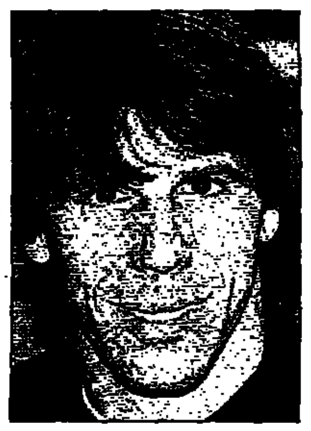
Whether being forewarned would have enabled Dicks to stop Zola from scoring his marvellous goal is disputable. Zola, the little Sardinian, came racing in from the right, went inside the challenging Dicks, jinked outside him, left him marooned, and went on to shoot into the left-hand corner of Miklosko's goal.

That was after ten minutes, and was Chelsea's second goal. "Today I played a good game," Zola said. "I think I could score more." I think he could. On at least a couple of other occasions he swept through West Ham United's incoherent defence and narrowly missed.

His partnership with Hughes was devastating. "The crowd like him," Ruud Gullit, the Chelsea player-manager, said. "He stole their hearts. I think both strikers were world class. I think they made it very difficult for the opposition."

Harry Redknapp, the West Ham manager, admitted that he had nobody capable of man-marking Zola. "You don't give goals away like we did and win football matches," he said. Least of all when you have Zola and Hughes against you, working so dynamically in tandem. So much so that you wonder whether Vialli, when fit again, will be paired with Hughes, when they seem to duplicate rather than complement one another.

Hughes had his best game for ages. His ability to take the ball with his back to goal, hold it up and lay it off was shown to perfection. It reminded you how badly Manchester United have missed him since they let him go. He scored twice, after six and 36 minutes, and could, like Zola, have had more.


Zola: marvellous goal

From Zola's subtle flick, Hughes pivotted and hit a low shot that crept in between Miklosko and the left-hand post. His second was headed in from a long cross from the right by Petrescu; but where was Rieper, where was Bilic? The two tall centre halves were surely obliged to head such balls away.

Very briefly, West Ham looked as if they might come back into the game, when Porfirio, their little Portuguese player, beat Grodas with a crisp, left-footed shot from the edge of the box to make it 2-1. By and large, though, West Ham simply were not at the races.

Di Matteo, the Italy international, returned to Chelsea's midfield after some unhappy weeks with club and country and began to look his old, creative self. The question is whether Chelsea, brushed aside by Leeds United and Sunderland, can play this kind of football away from Stamford Bridge, against teams less malleable than West Ham?

"At the start of the season, we were very comfortable away from home — I hope that we can get that back," Gullit, who played at centre back, said optimistically. Zola was optimistic, too. "I think not only the club Chelsea. I think is the problem with other teams, because in England is, very, very hard when you go to play outside. You find teams very strong, very, very physical, very aggressive. But I think if you are organised you can win."

Or if you have Zola.

CHELSEA (3-5-2): F Grodas — R Gullit, S Clarke, M Duberry — D Petrescu, C Burley, R Di Matteo, E Newton, N Clement (sub: A Myers, 59min) — G Zola, M Hughes.
WEST HAM UNITED (3-5-2): L Miklosko — M Rieper, S Bilic, J Dicks — J Moncur (sub: D Williamson, 78), I Bishop (sub: F Lampard, 83), M Hughes, M Bowen — M Newell, H Porfirio.
Referee: A Wilkie.

## Brighton fans bid to extend protest

BRIGHTON supporters are hoping to receive backing from all league clubs for a protest at the home match against Hartlepool United on February 8. In a further move to demonstrate against the way that Brighton, the bottom club in the Nationwide League, is being run, followers are inviting groups of 20 football supporters from all clubs to join them in a united show of support.

It is hoped that they will be able to meet before the game in Hove Park, near the Goldstone Ground, Brighton's home for 95 years, which they must leave at the end of the season.

Liz Costa, the vice-chairman of the Brighton supporters' club, said: "We hope to make this into a festival of football. As well as being a football occasion, it adds weight to our campaign to rid the club of its present directors.

"The chairman, Bill Archer, has lost every ounce of trust from Brighton fans. He has contradicted everything he has said."

Costa said that, if at least 800 supporters from other clubs responded, it would be significant, and this particular day had been chosen as there were no FA Carling Premiership matches.

Meanwhile, it has become known that stewards at the Goldstone have threatened to walk out should David Bellotti, the chief executive, attempt to watch another match from the directors' box.

Bellotti was hounded out by protesting supporters after only two minutes of Brighton's 3-2 home defeat by Darlington on December 3 and has not watched a match since. Archer has not watched a Brighton match for a year.

☐ Northern Ireland will play in Palermo on January 22 in an international arranged to give Cesare Maldini, the new Italy coach, his only chance to work with the players before the World Cup qualifying match against England on February 12.

## United title charge under way with a flourish

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By Peter Ball

THROUGHOUT the autumn Alex Ferguson's stated plan had been for his side to keep ticking away in the FA Carling Premiership while the European Cup Champions' League commanded their attention. The Champions' League over, Manchester United could then begin their charge in the Premiership.

Unconvincing draws away to West Ham United and Sheffield Wednesday suggested that such hubris might be punished, with turning back to full power domestically not so easy. On Saturday the charge began.

Sunderland, the gritty, determined, high morale Sunderland who drew at Anfield and destroyed Chelsea, were simply outclassed as United rediscovered their joy, none more than Cantona, who capped the afternoon with one of the greatest goals scored at Old Trafford.

"I don't normally talk about the opposition," Peter Reid, the Sunderland manager, said afterwards, "but I was really, really impressed. We've had a lesson today."

Yet for half an hour United were as bad as they had been at Upton Park, with no fluency, and looking totally confused by their defensive plan, with the Nevilles as wing backs and Irwin as one of three central defenders. In the uncertainty, with Brian Kidd standing on the touchline trying to sort things out, nobody was picking up the runs of Rae and Russell saw one shot bend round the post and got in the way of another from Rae.

"For 35 minutes I was thinking 'If we can get a goal here, we might have a chance'," Reid said. "Then we were hit by a great attacking display."

The formation was amended to the familiar back four, with Irwin at right back and Gary Neville picking up Rae in front of May and Pallister. After the interval, with Pallister worryingly suffering a recurrence of his back problem, Neville went back to centre half to perform with the quiet excellence that is his trademark. He could be the best second centre half at Old Trafford since Martin Buchan, who he so much resembles.

Whether the change in formation back to the tried and tested was the key to the sudden transformation is questionable, but it certainly helped.

Cantona: stunning goal

Until then Giggs had looked the only United player on song, and he began the dramatic change as he beat Hall and fired over a low centre. Scholes met it with a scorching shot that Perez could only parry. Solskjaer reacted quickest and, with the opening goal, the roof fell in on Sunderland.

Soon Cantona claimed his first Premiership goal since his brace against Nottingham Forest in September, from the penalty spot. Two minutes after the interval Solskjaer showed more determination than Kubicki as he collected Schmeichel's long throw and ran on to claim his second.

Before the hour Butt had made it four, and the last half hour was like a friendly as both managers, mindful of the demands of the Christmas programme, threw on their substitutes. "At 3-0 it's history, game over," Reid explained.

However, if the edge had gone, Cantona made it memorable 12 minutes from time. Just inside the Sunderland half, with no apparent escape as terriers such as Ball and Ord snapped at his heels, finding a team-mate for a pass looked like a difficult enough ambition.

Instead, a shimmy, some sleight of foot and Cantona had broken free, leaving two terriers following the wrong scent, had found McClair and was running on strongly. McClair's perfectly weighted return pass sent Cantona past Melville to chip the ball over Perez and in off the post.

"I had the perfect view of that from where I was sitting, and I was trying to blow it over the bar," Reid said. "If I wasn't the opposition manager, I might say that goal was worth paying to see."

MANCHESTER UNITED (3-5-2): P Schmeichel — D Irwin, D May, G Pallister (sub: B McClair, 46min) — G Neville, N Butt, P Scholes, R Giggs (sub: B Thornley, 83), P Neville — E Cantona, O Solskjaer (sub: K Poborsky, 53).
SUNDERLAND (4-4-1-1): L Perez — G Hall, A Melville, R Ord, D Kubicki — D Kelly, K Ball, P Bracewell (sub: S Agnew, 63), M Gray (sub: M Bridges, 60) — A Rae (sub: P Stewart, 83) — C Russell
Referee: P Durkin

## Keegan anxious to get best out of Newcastle

By Our Sports Staff

KEVIN KEEGAN, the Newcastle United manager, takes his faltering side into battle against Liverpool, the title favourites, tonight, warning: "Only our best will do." Keegan knows that nothing short of a five-star performance will halt Liverpool, who would go ten points clear of Newcastle with a victory at St James' Park.

Liverpool are the team of the moment while Newcastle, in fifth place, have gone five Premiership games without a win, gleaning just one point from matches away to Nottingham Forest and Coventry City.

Keegan believes that Newcastle have played to their full potential only twice this season, in October against Manchester United and Ferencvaros.

"One point from our last two away games is not good enough if we have aspirations to be champions," he said. "That's why Liverpool is such a big game and we'll have to be at our best if we're going to get anything out of it."

Keegan is under pressure to deliver some silverware after investing so heavily in his squad, but he admits that, unless Newcastle show a dramatic improvement — their last Premiership win was against Middlesbrough at St James' Park on November 3 — their chase for honours could be confined solely to the Uefa Cup.

Liverpool head for Tyneside bursting with confidence after successive wins over Middlesbrough and Nottingham Forest. "They're the form team; they're scoring goals, which is something we are not doing," Keegan said. "People feel that Manchester United may be concentrating on the European Cup and that we are not quite the team we were last season.

"It's a fair comment on our performances this season and, if I had to knock us out of it, I would say that the championship will come from Liverpool, Arsenal or Aston Villa."

## Pleat drawn to faulty conclusions

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By Mel Webb

DAVID PLEAT was at his most cryptic. "One bloke behind our dug-out complained that he couldn't see the game," he said. "I told him to look up." What was Pleat, the Sheffield Wednesday manager, trying to say after an unsatisfactory FA Carling Premiership game at White Hart Lane on Saturday? Discuss, if you will, Mr Pleat.

"All we had to defend was Neilsen's throw-ins and Walker's kicks from goal," he said. Ah, that was it, he was making some gibe about what he saw as a shortage of attacking options available to Tottenham Hotspur, or at least those that would cause the slightest bit of danger to the visiting defence — but was Pleat justified?

Well, yes; but then again, no. It was true that Neilsen, who can throw the ball in a long way with the minimum of effort, caused the odd moment of disquiet in the Wednesday defence. It was also demonstrably accurate to recognise the Tottenham goalkeeper's thunderous right boot, but was it all that Pleat's men had to defend? Not really.

Neither side played particularly well, but each satisfied its manager enough to earn some guarded praise. "I may be easy to please, but I wasn't unhappy with that," Pleat said. "We made enough chances to win the game, and their goalkeeper had to work harder than ours," Gerry Francis, his Tottenham counterpart, suggested.

If each statement contained an element of whistling against the wind, they were at least guarded enough for both men to preserve their credibility as objective witnesses. Just.

The game marked the first home appearance of Steffen Iversen, who did enough to suggest that he and Sheringham might forge a decent partnership. A possible small problem is that Sheringham likes to lay deep and come through, and so, obviously, does Iversen.

At times during a raw afternoon one appeared to be inviting the other to lead the way into the opposition penalty area. "After you," . . . "No, please, you first." It was terribly well-mannered, but it did little to improve Tottenham's chances of breaking through a Wednesday defence in which Des Walker showed no signs of losing pace, despite the steady approach of footballing middle age.

Yet, in spite of all that, Tottenham — with Neilsen, their best player, contributing more than just a long throw — did produce some neat stuff, albeit that most of it seemed to fizzle out when they moved the ball into the danger zone.

They also earned their manager's disapproval in conceding the lead after 16 minutes. Pembridge's shot on the turn came back to him, and he rapidly slipped the ball left to Nolan, the full back, who scored his first goal of the season with a cool, low shot. Neilsen equalised 12 minutes later when Sheringham lobbed the ball, on the volley, onto the head of Iversen, and Neilsen nipped in smartly to score.

"We've got to start getting our noses in front," Francis said. "We let them take the lead again today. We've got to be taking our chances." True. Tottenham are still not scoring enough goals, and the absence of Armstrong for another six weeks is not helping their cause.

Anderton, too, is not likely to return for another two weeks. Both have the incisive qualities that, in this game, Tottenham left hanging on a disregarded peg in a shadowy corner of the boot room.

Wednesday? They continued to fail to live up to the promise of that bright start to the season, but Pleat has them playing to the flickering talent of little Carbone. Then there is their band of drums, trumpets (or, perhaps, cornets) and voices. "Wimbledon wouldn't let them in, and we lost 4-2," Pleat said. They play well — but then, so they should when their repertoire seems to consist of only one song.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2): I Walker — S Carr, C Calderwood, S Campbell (sub: J Scales, 84min), C Wilson — R Fox, A Neilsen, D Howells, A Sinton — E Sheringham, S Iversen.
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-4-2): K Pressman — P Atherton, D Walker, D Stefanovic, I Nolan — G Whittingham (sub: R Humphreys, 86), S Nicol, O Trustfull (sub: R Blinker, 64), M Pembridge — A Booth (sub: D Hirst, 73), B Carbone.
Referee: M Riley.

**FOOTBALL:** MASTER MOTIVATOR BRINGS RELIEF TO CITY GROUND WITH RARE PREMIERSHIP TRIUMPH

# Pearce wins mind game to put Forest on their feet

**Oliver Holt** sees Arsenal beaten by a team galvanised into positive action

The casual autograph hunters and the malingerers jeering Ian Wright as he sat morosely on the Arsenal coach had disappeared over Trent Bridge long before Stuart Pearce emerged from the changing rooms into the car park at the City Ground on Saturday night. A reluctant speaker, he muttered a few words before he sank into his BMW. "I think I'll quit now while I'm on top," he said.

On top? At the summit would be more like it, flag driven deep into the snow, lank, blond hair blowing in the wind. On Saturday Pearce became a walking one-man football club: caretaker-manager as well as player, captain and supporters' favourite. They still idolise him as "Psycho", but you can forget Norman Bates. If his popularity rating soars any higher, it will be right up there with Robin Hood's.

His personal triumph in Euro 96, the violent catharsis of his successful penalty in the quarter-final shoot-out against Spain, was one thing. That brought him redemption after his failure six years before against West Germany. On Saturday, he ended another long wait when, in his first game in charge of Nottingham Forest, he inspired them to their first FA Carling Premiership victory since the opening day of the season.

His famous fists were in evidence again, not scything through the air as they did against Spain but clenched, knuckles white, close to his chest in thanks when the final whistle blew. Forest had not won for 16 games but, just as Frank Clark had suspected when he resigned as manager last week, the influence of Pearce was enough to take them beyond a team of even Arsenal's accomplishment.

After the 2-1 win, courtesy of two sharply taken goals by Haaland and the depletion of Arsenal after Wright's second-half dismissal for foolish retaliation against Jerkan, Pearce gave much of the credit for the win to his predecessor. "This one's for the gaffer," he told Alan Hill, his assistant. In the car park, he even mocked his own contribution, saying that he and his wife had put all the players' names into a hat on Friday night and picked the team that way. "I thought I had quite a good side," he said, "and then I realised I had got 12 players in the team."

The evidence, though, told a different story. Pearce changed the 4-4-2 formation used by Clark to the 3-5-2 favoured by Terry Venables during Euro 96, pushing Cooper into midfield to stifle Merson. Forest still look inept in attack and, at times in the first half, Bergkamp and Wright bamboozled their defence with their darting runs and sharp passing, but ultimately it paid off.

'I think I'll quit now while I'm still on top'

More than that, there were hints from Hill, Clark's assistant also, that Pearce may possess some of the motivational talents of Brian Clough. Before the game there was plenty of straight talk, the promise from the new boss to ignore the off-the-field antics of his charges as long as they performed on the pitch. After the game, Hill said, Pearce went round hugging every player.

Only Liverpool and Manchester United had beaten Arsenal this season before Forest managed it on Saturday and, although their victory kept Arsenal from the top of the table, it was not enough to lift Forest off the bottom. There was little euphoria from Pearce, just hard-edged realism.

"The boys worked very hard for me today," he said. "It is important that I get their backing and today showed me that they were behind me as well as the fans. We have won a match today, but we are still bottom of the league and we have got a lot of work to do.

"Football is a difficult enough game without managing as well, but I am always nervous before a game anyway because my reputation is on the line every time I go out there. I was pleased with the way the tactics worked out and even though Wright getting sent off handed us the game a bit out there, there was something special about the atmosphere. I could feel it."

ROSS KINNAIRD / ALLSPORT

Clough, right, and Pearce celebrate a job well done after Haaland's scrambled winner for Nottingham Forest

Irving Korn, the Forest chairman, said that Pearce would remain as caretaker manager until the middle of January, when the situation would be discussed again. There was already speculation last night, though, that Nigel Clough, who has been signed on a month's loan from Manchester City and played the second half on Saturday, will be installed as Forest's assistant manager when the ownership of the club is resolved next month.

The introduction of Clough, immediately after Wright had capitalised on a dropped catch by Crossley to put Arsenal ahead in the 63rd minute, seemed to add an extra dimension to Forest's play and, within four minutes, Haaland had equalised after Saunders, playing as a wing back, had outwitted Winterburn and Platt and crossed for Haaland to sweep home.

Wright became the third Arsenal player to be sent off in successive away games soon afterwards and Haaland sealed the points after a scramble two minutes from the end. There was one last alarm when Merson galloped through the middle on to a Hartson flick, but there was a defender there with a saving tackle. It was Stuart Pearce.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (3-5-2): M Crossley — N Jerkan (sub: D Lyttle, 82min), S Chettle, S Pearce — D Saunders, A Haaland, C Cooper, I Woan, C Allen — B Roy (sub: N Clough, 63), K Campbell.

ARSENAL (3-5-1-1): J Lukic — M Keown, S Bould, A Linighan — G McGowan (sub: R Parlour, 67), R Garde (sub: S Morrow, 80), P Merson, D Platt, N Winterburn — D Bergkamp (sub: J Hartson, 75) — I Wright.

Referee: S J Lodge.

# Winning way to avoid the holiday blues

STEVE McMANAMAN

offers a footballer's seasonal thoughts

This is where it gets serious. Liverpool's match against Newcastle United this evening is, in many ways, the biggest of the season so far. What it categorically is *not*, though, is a game in which the championship will be won and lost.

It's almost amusing, but the hype surrounding this game has gone a bit over the top. I suppose it is connected to the two games we played against Newcastle last season, especially our 4-3 win at Anfield, but people are expecting a classic, and they seem to think the winners will emerge as serious favourites for Manchester United's title.

I suspect both managers will be praying for something at the opposite end of the spectrum to last season's match. It may have been exciting, but I don't think it did much for their health, or for either side in the long run. Newcastle's defeat set them back, and we failed at Coventry City a few days later, which effectively ended our hopes.

From today, we have a game every two or three days until well into January, seven games packed into a little over two weeks. Most of the other teams are the same, and the programme is so intense that things could go wrong.

A couple of injuries or suspensions, and a team could nosedive into the sort of run that makes it impossible to remain in serious contention. It happened to Liverpool during November last year, and it could happen within the space of a week over Christmas.

The reverse is that a decent run could put a team right in the thick of things going into the new year. Two years ago we won all our games over Christmas and if we do the same again then we could give ourselves a cushion at the top of the table that may prove invaluable later in the season.

The Newcastle game is important because it is the first, and it is vital we get off on the right note. A win would be excellent, because it would set us up mentally for what can be a gruelling series of games. It is far worse going into the crazy Christmas period on the back of a depressing result.

Not that we believe for one second it is going to be anything but a very difficult match. Newcastle's results have not been particularly impressive lately, but that will have no significance at all tonight. They will need no motivation, their crowd will be pumped up and it will be a hell of an atmosphere. They are still the same team that thrashed Manchester United.

Personally, even though it can be quite intimidating there, I enjoy it immensely. At this level, few players freeze in such an atmosphere, and so it tends to give both sides a lift.

There is nothing like playing in front of a passionate crowd, because you can't fail to be anything but inspired.

We know that Newcastle will come at us, and create chances because of the tremendous attacking players they have, but we know, too, that we will also create chances, as we have in just about every game this season. The key, I believe, will be our defence. We have scored goals, but let a few soft ones in as well.

It would be some Christmas present to get a result. It is not the best time for a footballer, because you can hardly push the boat out over the holiday period. In fact, it is the first time in eight years that Liverpool have been at home on Boxing Day, so I will spend Christmas night at home for the first time since I got into the first team.

Normally, it is training on Christmas morning, home for dinner, and then off to catch the coach for a hotel. This year there will still be training, and of course we have to be careful what we eat, but at least I will be able to see the end of that James Bond film that I normally miss.

Not that I am complaining. It is something you just accept. I suppose it can be difficult for players with families, because they will hardly see anything of the wife and kids throughout the holiday. Football is a player's life, and everything has to be dedicated to it: diet, social life, even holidays.

This year we are top of the table and there is an awful lot at stake over the next few weeks. We are a confident team, and we go into every match believing we can win because such an attitude is vital. We have a positive view of the challenge ahead. If we can emerge in January still top of the table then, it will have been a succesful holiday period. So here's hoping for a happy holiday for Liverpool, and for all the readers of this column. Merry Christmas.

# Dublin shows way forward

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By Richard Hobson

AN EVENING watching Cilla Black may not be everybody's idea of compulsive viewing, but Gordon Strachan, the Coventry City manager, was ready to enjoy his Saturday night in front of the television. "We are out of the bottom three and suddenly the world seems a happier place," he said. "For the first time in weeks I can watch *Blind Date* properly without having to worry about the football."

It seemed a low key celebration, but then again Strachan, although new to management, has enough experience to know that it is far too early in the season to raise a glass and toast survival. On nine occasions in the past 30 seasons, Coventry have avoided relegation only in their final game.

Victory against Newcastle United last Tuesday was the first since Strachan succeeded Ron Atkinson, and this win against Leicester City was arguably more important, given that the sides could become even closer rivals as the fight to avoid relegation intensifies.

Dublin, barring injury, will be an influential figure for Coventry, but not necessarily in his favoured role as a striker. Strachan's jiggery-pokery has seen Dublin move to the defence, and the irony is that, by going back, Dublin has rediscovered the scoring touch that made him Coventry's leading scorer in each of the past two seasons. Twice he headed in crosses from McAllister, the first from a corner in the eleventh minute, the second after 72 minutes.

Strachan acknowledged that Dublin the defender still has a few things to learn, although on two occasions he recovered ground admirably to block Heskey before he could shoot. When Marshall put an effort on target, Ogrizovic, a veteran of four of those last-day escapes, turned his header away athletically.

For Leicester, the season is going as Martin O'Neill, the manager, expected. At full strength, they can bother any side because they are committed and organised. There is not sufficient quality in the squad, though, to overcome the loss of certain players. O'Neill made a legitimate point when he suggested that Walsh, had he been fit, would not have allowed Dublin those two free headers.

At least he is in a position to be able to add to his staff shortly after scouring the Continent. "I do not want to build up the hopes of our supporters by saying that we are signing five players tomorrow, but I am genuinely hopeful that something comes about as a result of the ground work," O'Neill said.

LEICESTER CITY (3-5-2): K Keller — S Prior, C Hill (sub: G Parker, 76min), I Marshall — S Grayson, S Taylor, N Lennon, M Izzet, P Kaamark — S Claridge, E Heskey.

COVENTRY CITY (3-5-2): S Ogrizovic — D Dublin, L Daish, R Shaw — P Telfer, G McAllister, K Richardson, P Williams, J Salako — N Whelan, D Huckerby (sub: E Jess, 80).

Referee: G Barber.

# Team spirit cheers Souness

| | |
|---|---|
| Southampton | 3 |
| Derby County | 1 |

By Keith Pike

THE can of worms that Bryan Robson opened on Friday lunchtime had, by the next afternoon, wriggled all the way down to the South Coast. Had Teesside logic been applied at The Dell, this match would not have taken place, but, as Southampton proved, absence can make a team's heart grow stronger at less self-interested clubs.

It is possible to imagine Graeme Souness, the Southampton manager, after digesting the news of Middlesbrough's decision to call off their game against Blackburn Rovers, penning the following note to the FA Carling Premiership: "Dear Sirs, we have lost our previous five league games and we have not managed to take three points off anybody since April 1992 when Matthew Le Tissier has been unavailable. Therefore, we will not be turning up." Turn up, though, they did, to win, without Le Tissier, delighting Souness with a wholehearted performance and a victory that lifted them two places and out of the relegation zone.

What of Jim Smith, Souness's opposite number, who was deprived of two of the three players who have been so instrumental for Derby County this season? No McGrath, his outstanding defender, and no Sturridge, his leading striker; but no pleas for postponements or excuses in defeat, either.

"I think Middlesbrough might be in serious trouble," Smith said. "I've never known a club call a game off without permission. If we all did what they did, we could have this [situation] every week." In other words, anarchy.

It is difficult to say which of their two absentees Derby missed most. Without Sturridge, they had neither the guile to give their hard-pressed defenders a breather, nor the pace to threaten Southampton, for whom Ostenstad and Watson made hay in McGrath's absence.

The encouragement of a ninth-minute lead from Dailly vanished within four minutes as Watson, his initial effort only parried by Hoult, squeezed in the equaliser, and then Slater crossed immaculately for Oakley to head in off the goalkeeper.

Southampton's third, a penalty emphatically converted in injury time by Magilton, was due reward for a performance founded on the industry of Slater and Magilton, the perseverance of the strikers and the occasional ingenuity of Berkovic. As Souness said, Southampton can no longer be considered a one-man team.

SOUTHAMPTON (3-1-3-1-2): D Beesant — N Maddison, C Lundekvam, R Dryden (sub: J Magilton, 8min) — F Benali — M Oakley (sub: D Hughes, 85), R Slater, S Charlton — E Berkovic — E Ostenstad, G Watson (sub: S Basham, 90).

DERBY COUNTY (3-4-2-1): R Hoult — D Yates (sub: L Carsley, 46), I Stimac, G Rowett — J Laursen (sub: M Gabbiadini, 46), S Flynn, D Powell, C Powell — C Dailly, A Asanovic (sub: R Willems, 73) — A Ward.

Referee: P Danson.

# Graham back in the old routine as Leeds set record

Graham: contentedair

| | |
|---|---|
| Everton | 0 |
| Leeds United | 0 |

By Russell Kempson

GEORGE GRAHAM exuded a warm glow, on a bitter afternoon, and allowed himself a smile, almost a smirk. "I'm enjoying it," he said. "Enjoying every minute of it." He could have been pontificating at Highbury, with Arsenal, after a bland victory; instead, he was at Goodison Park, with Leeds United, after a dour draw. Little has changed.

Graham derives pleasure from any degree of success — from the tactical annihilation of opponents to the sneaking of a point, or three, in the final minutes. If the result is good, then the display cannot have been all that bad; if it has been done in style, too, then that *is* a bonus.

Thus, on Merseyside on Saturday, Graham emerged contented. It was his sixteenth match since returning from exile to take charge of Leeds, of which only five games have been won, yet it was his side's fifth successive clean sheet, a club record in the top flight.

"What really pleased me was that we created a lot of chances as well, probably more than them," Graham said. "We looked dangerous on the break, very dangerous. Perhaps we should have retained the ball a bit better, but, overall, it was pretty good."

He stopped a fraction short of gloating — after all, it was no more than a draw — but the smooth, often smug, persona of old was lurking only millimetres from the surface. Leeds, with a more balanced blend of youth and experience, with the Elland Road casualty list at last having eased, are becoming tough cookies.

Palmer, Wetherall and Beesley provided the solidity, with Jackson, 19, enhancing it after replacing Radebe at half-time. Kelly and Halle patrolled the flanks, up and down repetitively and effectively, while Sharpe and Bowyer flitted to and fro in unison, supporting the defence and supplying the attack.

Had Rush's sad demise up front not continued, and Deane's radar been switched on, Leeds could have won at a canter.

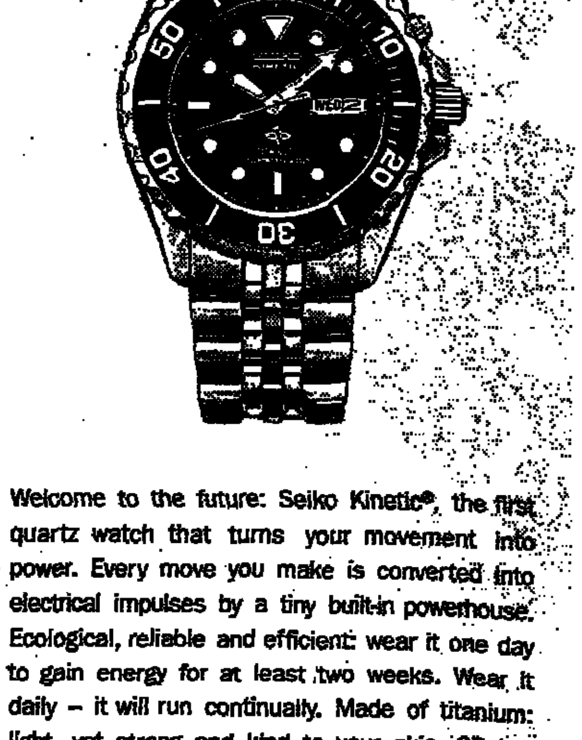
Everton also had their chances. When Ferguson finally escaped the suffocating clutches of Wetherall, he nodded wastefully wide; Kanchelskis, an intermittent threat throughout, clearly needs a compass for Christmas; and Martyn, the Leeds goalkeeper, elegantly and athletically dealt with anything else.

"It was a fair result, I can't really complain," Joe Royle, the Everton manager, said. "All the stars were defenders. It was a 0-0 game, a 0-0 sort of day."

EVERTON (4-3-2-1): N Southall — E Barrett, D Watson, C Short (sub: D Unsworth, 43min), A Hinchcliffe (sub: M Branch, 62) — J Parkinson, A Grant, G Speed — A Kanchelskis, N Barmby — D Ferguson.

LEEDS UNITED (3-1-4-2): N Martyn — C Palmer, D Wetherall, P Beesley — L Radebe (sub: M Jackson, 45) — G Kelly, L Bowyer, L Sharpe, G Halle — B Deane, I Rush.

Referee: G Ashby.



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## FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

**CHELSEA** (3) 3 **WEST HAM** (1) 1
Hughes 6, 35; Zola 10
Porfirio 11
28,315

Chelsea: F Grodas, D Petrescu, R Gullit, S Clarke, M Hughes, M Duberry, C Burley (sub: F Sinclair, 83min), R Di Matteo, E Newton, G Zola, N Clement (sub: A Myers, 58min).
Booked: Duberry, Clement, Petrescu.
West Ham United: L Miklosko, J Dicks, I Bishop (sub: F Lampard, 83min), M Rieper, K Rowland (sub: F Raducioiu, 46min), H Porfirio, J Moncur (sub: D Williamson, 78min), M Newell, M Bowen, M Hughes, S Bilic.
Booked: Rowland, Porfirio.
Referee: A Wilkie.

**EVERTON** (0) 0 **LEEDS** (0) 0
36,954

Everton: N Southall, E Barrett, D Watson, C Short (sub: D Unsworth, 43min), A Hinchcliffe (sub: M Branch, 62min), A Kanchelskis, J Parkinson, A Grant, G Speed, N Barmby, D Ferguson.
Booked: Unsworth.
Leeds United: N Martyn, G Kelly, C Palmer, L Radebe (sub: M Jackson, 36min), D Wetherall, L Sharpe, I Rush, B Deane, L Bowyer, P Beesley, G Halle.
Booked: Halle, Kelly.
Referee: G Ashby.

**LEICESTER** (0) 0 **COVENTRY** (1) 2
20,038
Dublin 11, 72

Leicester City: C Keller, S Grayson, P Kamark, C Hill (sub: G Parker, 77min), S Prior, I Marshall, N Lennon, M Izzet, S Taylor, S Claridge, E Heskey.
Coventry City: S Ogrizovic, R Shaw, P Williams, L Daish, K Richardson, N Whelan, D Dublin, G McAllister, J Salako, P Telfer, D Huckerby (sub: E Jess, 89min).
Referee: F G Stretton.

**MAN UTD** (2) 5 **SUNDERLAND** (0) 0
Solskjaer 35, 48; Cantona 43 (pen), 80; Butt 59
55,081

Manchester United: P Schmeichel, G Neville, D Irwin, D May, G Pallister (sub: B McClair, 46min), E Cantona, N Butt, R Giggs (sub: B Thornley, 63min), P Neville, G Scholes, O-G Solskjaer (sub: K Poborsky, 54min).
Booked: Scholes, Cantona.

Sunderland: L Perez, G Hall, D Kubicki, P Bracewell (sub: S Agnew, 63min), K Ball, M Gray (sub: M Bridges, 60min), D Kelly, G Ord, A Melville, A Rae (sub: P Stewart, 63min), C Russell.
Booked: Perez.
Referee: P Durkin.

**NOTTM FOREST** (0) 2 **ARSENAL** (0) 1
Haaland 67, 89
Wright 63
27,384
*Sent off: I Wright (Arsenal) 70*

Nottingham Forest: M Crossley, S Pearce, C Cooper, S Chettle, D Saunders, K Campbell, I Woan, N Jerkan (sub: D Lyttle, 85min), C Allen, A-I Haaland, B Roy (sub: N Clough, 65min).
Booked: Jerkan.
Arsenal: J Lukic, N Winterburn, S Bould, D Platt, I Wright, P Merson, D Bergkamp (sub: J Hartson, 74min), A Linighan, M Keown, R Garde (sub: S Morrow, 78min), G McGowan (sub: R Parlour, 69min).
Referee: S Lodge.

**SOUTHAMPTON** (2) 3 **DERBY** (1) 1
Watson 9; Oakley 13; Magilton 89 (pen)
Dailly 8
14,901

Southampton: D Beasant, R Slater, N Maddison, R Dryden (sub: J Magilton, 8min), C Lundekvam, F Benali, M Oakley (sub: D Hughes, 85min), S Charlton, E Berkovic, E Ostenstad, G Watson (sub: S Basham, 89min).
Booked: Benali, Slater.
Derby County: R Hoult, J Laursen (sub: L Carsley, 45min), C Powell, G Rowett, D Yates (sub: M Gabbiadini, 45min), I Stimac, S Flynn, A Asanovic (sub: R Willems, 73min), D Powell, C Dailly, A Ward.
Booked: Gabbiadini, Rowett.
Referee: P S Danson.

**TOTTENHAM** (1) 1 **SHEFF WED** (1) 1
Nielsen 29
Nolan 16
30,996

Tottenham Hotspur: I Walker, D Howells, C Calderwood, R Fox, A Nielsen, E Sheringham, C Wilson, S Iversen, S Campbell (sub: J Scales, 85min), S Carr, A Sinton.
Booked: Calderwood, Sheringham.

Sheffield Wednesday: K Pressman, P Atherton, I Nolan, M Pembridge, D Walker, G Whittingham (sub: R Humphreys, 87min), B Carbone, A Booth (sub: D Hirst, 74min), S Nicol, O Trustfull (sub: R Blinker, 65min), D Stefanovic.
Referee: M Riley.

Postponed: Blackburn v Middlesbro.

Yesterday

**A VILLA** (2) 5 **WIMBLEDON** (0) 0
Yorke 38, 66; Milosevic 42, 75; Taylor 61
28,875

Aston Villa: M Bosnich, F Nelson (sub: C Tiler, 74min), A Wright, U Ehiogu, S Staunton, R Southgate... A Townsend, I Taylor, M Draper (sub: S Curcic, 79min), S Milosevic, D Yorke.
Booked: Curcic.
Wimbledon: N Sullivan, K Cunningham (sub: D Holdsworth, 67min), A Kimble, V Jones, D Blackwell, C Perry (sub: B McAllister, 84min), O Leonhardsen, R Earle, E Ekoku, N Ardley, M Gayle.
Booked: Kimble.
Referee: S Dunn.

## TODAY

ROY EVANS, the Liverpool manager, is confident that Robbie Fowler will have recovered from an an ankle injury in time to play against Newcastle United tonight. Fowler, who has scored five goals in his last two games, hobbled off against Nottingham Forest last week in but is responding well to treatment. Newcastle will be without David Batty, who completes his three-match suspension and John Beresford, Faustino Asprilla and Steve Howey who are injured.

Solskjaer: Two goals on Saturday

## GOALSCORERS

| | Lge | Cup | Euro | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| I Wright (Arsenal) | 14 | 5 | 2 | 21 |
| R Fowler (Liverpool) | 10 | 5 | 3 | 18 |
| F Ravanelli (Middlesbrough) | 9 | 7 | 0 | 16 |
| A Shearer (Newcastle) | 10 | 1 | 1 | 12 |
| L Ferdinand (Newcastle) | 7 | 0 | 4 | 11 |
| M Le Tissier (Southampton) | 8 | 2 | 0 | 10 |
| O-G Solskjaer (Man Utd) | 8 | 0 | 1 | 9 |
| D Yorke (Aston Villa) | 8 | 1 | 0 | 9 |
| E Ekoku (Wimbledon) | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| G Vialli (Chelsea) | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| E Cantona (Man Utd) | 6 | 0 | 2 | 8 |
| M Gayle (Wimbledon) | 6 | 2 | 0 | 8 |
| R Earle (Wimbledon) | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| G Speed (Everton) | 6 | 1 | 0 | 7 |
| C Sutton (Blackburn) | 6 | 1 | 0 | 7 |

## HOLIDAY FORECAST

PREDICTING form over the Christmas / New Year period is not an easy task; the festive diversions and close proximity of fixtures all provide levellers for the most consistent of clubs (Julian Desborough writes).

Below are listed statistics detailing FA Carling Premiership teams' records for the past four years (period of December 19 to January 9, inclusive). If you include results from this weekend, an ominous sign for all title hopefuls is Liverpool's record of one loss in 18 matches and Manchester United's two losses in 16 games. From others in the chasing pack, Arsenal, Wimbledon, Aston Villa and Newcastle have patchy form but Sheffield Wednesday have the best series of results of all with just one loss in 15.

In the lower half of the table, Blackburn Rovers and Nottingham Forest will be hoping for their usual Christmas kick-start; Rovers have 30 points from 19 games and Forest have 28 points from 15; that sort of form would clearly push them into the comfort of mid-table security.

| | 1995-6 | 1994-5 | 1993-4 | 1992-3 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Liverpool | WDW | WWWW | DDWD | LD |
| Arsenal - L | LWLL | DWLL | WWW | DDL |
| Wimbledon - L | DWWL | WWDW | LDL | DLD |
| Aston Villa - W | LW | DWDD | WL | DLW |
| Man Utd - W | LWWL | WDDW | DWDD | DDW |
| Newcastle | WLW | DLD | DLWW | (DWL) |
| Everton - D | LWWW | LWL | DLLL | WDL |
| Chelsea - W | WLDW | LLD | LWWW | DDD |
| Sheff Wed - D | DLW | WWWD | WDWW | WDW |
| Tottenham - D | DDLW | WDWW | WWLL | LDW |
| Derby - L | (WWW) | (LDD) | (WWLW) | (WLL) |
| Leeds - D | WWLD | DLD | DDD | LLD |
| Leicester - L | (DD) | LDLL | (DDLW) | (WL) |
| Sunderland - L | (L) | (DLD) | (DWLW) | (DW) |
| West Ham - L | LL | DLWL | DLWD | (DDD) |
| Southampton - W | DDD | LDDD | WDL | LDL |
| Coventry - W | WWD | DLLL | WWD | WWL |
| Middlesbrough | WLLL | (DWD) | (DDDW) | DDL |
| Blackburn | DWWD | WWW | DWW | WWL |
| Nottm Forest - W | LWWL | DWLW | (WDWDW) | DL |

Mario Jardel, left, of Porto, tackles Paulo Madeira, of Belenenses, during their Portuguese League match which Porto won 2-0. Photograph: Luisa Ferreira

## FIRST DIVISION

**C PALACE** (0) 1 **CHARLTON** (0) 0
Sapperley 87
16,279

**GRIMSBY** (0) 1 **BRADFORD** (1) 1
Lester 49
Duxbury 45
5,766

**HUDDERSFIELD** (0) 1 **QPR** (1) 2
Payton 51
Dichio 45; Brazier 50
10,718

**IPSWICH** (1) 1 **STOKE** (1) 1
Mason 36
Sheron 23
10,159

**OLDHAM** (0) 2 **MAN CITY** (1) 1
Ormondroyd 63; Barlow 72
Kinkladze 37
12,992

**PORT VALE** (2) 6 **NORWICH** (0) 1
Porter 7; Talbot 43, 62; Foyle 47, 90; Mills 68
Fleck 90
6,278

**READING** (0) 0 **PORTSMTH** (0) 0
8,520
*Sent off: B Hunter (Reading) 79; M Svensson (Portsmth) 79*

**SHEFF UTD** (0) 0 **BARNSLEY** (0) 1
24,384
Hendrie 85

**TRANMERE** (0) 0 **WOLVRHMPTN** (1) 2
9,674
Osborn 5 (pen); Bull 76

**WEST BROM** (2) 3 **OXFORD UTD** (1) 3
Sneekes 43; Hunt 45 (pen); Taylor 90
Jemson 32; Murphy 78; Elliott 83
13,782

Yesterday

**SWINDON** (1) 2 **BOLTON** (0) 2
Walters 33; Allison 73
Green 58; McGinlay 84
8,948

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULT: Southend 1 Birmingham 1

## SECOND DIVISION

**BLACKPOOL** (1) 3 **YORK** (0) 0
Ellis 4; Quinn 62, 72 (pen)
3,432

**BRENTFORD** (0) 0 **PRESTON** (0) 0
5,365

**BRISTOL R** (1) 3 **WYCOMBE** (1) 4
Cureton 44; Harris 52; Lockwood 60
Carroll 45; Bell 62; Simpson 69; Evans 86
4,465

**BURY** (0) 0 **STOCKPORT** (0) 0
5,069

**CHESTRFLD** (1) 1 **BOURNEMTH** (0) 1
Lormor 14
Watson 77
4,174

**ROTHERHAM** (1) 1 **PLYMOUTH** (2) 2
Breckin 31
Illman 9; Evans 10
2,269

**WATFORD** (0) 0 **GILLINGHAM** (0) 0
7,809

**WREXHAM** (1) 2 **BRISTOL CITY** (0) 1
Watkin 15 (pen); Hughes 67
Hewlett 79
4,488

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Crewe 3 Notts County 0; Peterborough 3 Burnley 2, Shrewsbury 2 Walsall 2

## THIRD DIVISION

**BARNET** (0) 1 **CHESTER** (1) 2
Campbell 54
Noteman 40 (pen); McDonald 88
1,581

**CARDIFF** (1) 1 **MANSFIELD** (0) 2
Eckhardt 25
Eale 49; Sale 58
2,253

**CARLISLE** (2) 3 **SCUNTHRPE** (1) 2
Walling 27, 33; Hayward 65
Baker 15; McFarlane 73
5,646

**DARLINGTON** (1) 2 **TORQUAY** (1) 3
Oliver 24; Naylor 65
Winter 30; Hawthorne 49, 82
2,071

**EXETER** (1) 1 **SWANSEA** (1) 2
Walker 15 (og)
Penney 23 (pen), 55
2,801

**HARTLPOOL** (0) 2 **LINCOLN** (1) 1
Cooper 65 (pen); Sunderland 67
Bos 16
1,344

**HULL** (0) 3 **DONCASTER** (1) 1
Mason 62, 88; Darby 68
Cramb 18
2,830

**SCARBORO** (0) 0 **FULHAM** (2) 2
2,615
Conroy 16; Scott 43
*Sent off: N Cusack (Fulham) 75*

**WIGAN** (0) 0 **ROCHDALE** (1) 1
3,317
Whitehall 4 (pen)

Yesterday

**L ORIENT** (0) 2 **BRIGHTON** (0) 0
Naylor 57, 65 (pen)
7,944

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Colchester 2 Cambridge United 2, Northampton 1 Hereford 0

## GOALSCOREERS

FIRST DIVISION: 18: McGinlay (Bolton). 17: Jemson (Oxford United), Sheron (Stoke), Aldridge (Tranmere). 14: Blake (Bolton). 13: Naylor (Port Vale). 12: Bull (Wolverhampton), Hopkin (Crystal Palace), Payton (Huddersfield). 11: Dyer (Crystal Palace), Morley (Reading), Walker (Sheffield United). 10: Freedman (Crystal Palace), Hunt (West Bromwich), Mendonca (Grimsby).

SECOND DIVISION: 16: Thorpe (Luton). 15: Asaba (Brentford). 14: Stevens (Shrewsbury). 13: Angell (Stockport), Nogan (Burnley). 12: Carter (Bury), Evans (Plymouth), Quinn (Blackpool), Tolson (York). 11: Goater (Bristol City), Onuora (Gillingham), Crawford (Millwall), Reeves (Preston, 4 for Carlisle), Lightbourne (Walsall). 10: Barnes (Burnley).

THIRD DIVISION: 18: Conroy (Fulham). Baker (Scunthorpe, 7 for Torquay). 16: Jones (Wigan), Devine (Barnet). 15: Clarkson (Scunthorpe), Darby (Hull). 13: Ainsworth (Lincoln). 12: White (Cardiff), Ritchie (Scarborough). 11: Roberts (Darlington), Cramb (Doncaster). 10: Whitehall (Rochdale), Lancashire (Wigan). 8: McGleish (Leyton Orient, 7 for Cambridge United), Foster (Hereford).

## PREMIER DIVISION

**CELTIC** (1) 1 **DUNDEE UTD** (0) 0
O'Donnell 39
46,590

**HEARTS** (0) 1 **RANGERS** (1) 4
Robertson 57
Robertson 23; Laudrup 48; Albertz 67 (pen); Gascoigne 84
15,139
*Sent off: N Pointon (Hearts) 45*

**KILMARNCK** (1) 3 **ABERDEEN** (0) 0
Burke 11, 58; Roberts 89
6,114

**MOTHERWLL** (2) 2 **DUNFRLNE** (1) 3
Tod 12 (og); Coyne 29
Millar 15 (pen); Smith 56, 75
4,529

**RAITH** (0) 0 **HIBERNIAN** (0) 3
4,224
Jackson 61, 79; McGinlay 67

## FIRST DIVISION

**CLYDEBANK** (0) 2 **EAST FIFE** (0) 0
Brannigan 50; Agnew 65 (pen)
351

**STIRLING** (1) 1 **AIRDRIE** (2) 2
Hjartarsson 12
Connelly 4, 34
1,220

## SECOND DIVISION

**CLYDE** (0) 0 **BERWICK** (0) 0
620

**LIVINGSTON** (2) 2 **QUEEN OF SOUTH** (1) 1
McMartin 23; Duthie 37
Flannigan 44
2,178
*Sent off: S Williamson (Livingston) 63; G Rowe (Queen Of South) 40*

**STENHOUSEMUIR** (1) 3 **BRECHIN** (1) 1
Little 13; Hunter 46; Hutchison 82
Ferguson 17 (pen)
230

## THIRD DIVISION

**INVERNESS CT** (0) 2 **COWDNBTH** (0) 1
Stewart 47 (pen), 68
Stewart 46
2,188

**MONTROSE** (1) 2 **ALLOA** (1) 3
Ingram 17; Tindal 86
Irvine 35 (pen); Dwyer 57, 65
606

**QUEEN'S PARK** (1) 3 **EAST STIRLING** (0) 0
Ferry 21, 62; Hardy 83
454
*Sent off: R Kerr (East Stirling) 68*

**ALBION** (0) 0 **ROSS CO** (1) 2
406
Farrell 34; MacLeod 68

## GOALSCOREERS

PREMIER DIVISION: 18 Dodds (Aberdeen). 17: McCoist (Rangers). 14: Gascoigne (Rangers). 13: Windass (Aberdeen). 11: Van Hooijdonk (Celtic); Laudrup (Rangers). 10: Van Vossen (Rangers); Cadete (Celtic). 9: Jackson (Hibernian). 8: Cameron (Hearts), Thom (Celtic), Robertson (Hearts).

FIRST DIVISION: 18: Grant (St Johnstone). 16: Lilley (Greenock Morton). 11: O'Boyle (St Johnstone). 10: Evans (Partick). 9: Yardley (St Mirren). 8: McPhee (Airdrie). 7: Hamilton (Dundee).

SECOND DIVISION: 16: Annand (Clyde). 12: Harvey (Livingston). 10: Ritchie (Hamilton), Flannigan (Queen of South); Kerrigan (Ayr), English (Ayr). 9: Mallan (Queen of South).

THIRD DIVISION: 14: Stewart (Inverness CT). 12: Adams (Ross County). 11: Dwyer (Alloa), McGlashan (Montrose). 10: Taylor (Montrose). 8: Irvine (Alloa). 7: Honeyman (Forfar), Morgan (Forfar), Thomson (Inverness CT).

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE

**BATH** (0) 0 **STEVENAGE** (0) 0
587

**BROMSGROVE** (0) 1 **FARNBOROUGH** (1) 1
Hool 49
Harlow 40 (pen)
725
*Sent off: C Boothe (Farnborough) 90*

**DOVER** (1) 2 **STALYBRIDGE** (1) 1
Hanlon 42; Leworthy 89
Charles 27
700

**HAYES** (1) 2 **KETTERING** (0) 1
Randall 2; Cox 52
Harmon 90
468
*Sent off: H Hayretin (Hayes) 74*

**HEDNESFORD** (0) 0 **GATESHEAD** (0) 0
1,060

**MACCLSFLD** (0) 2 **TELFORD** (0) 1
Howarth 66; Coates 75
Gray 58
1,054

**MORECAMBE** (0) 2 **ALTRNCHM** (0) 1
Grimshaw 63; Jackson 65
Hardy 83
1,075

**RUSHDEN AND D** (1) 1 **KIDDRMNSTR** (0) 1
Alford 39 (pen)
Doherty 90 (pen)
2,529
*Sent off: N Ashby (Rushden and Diamonds) 90*

**WOKING** (2) 2 **HALIFAX** (0) 2
Steele 3, 26
Horsfield 58; Lyons 80 (pen)
2,331
*Sent off: M Norbury (Halifax) 62*

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Slough 3 Welling 3; Northwich 5 Southport 1

| | P | HOME W | D | L | F | A | AWAY W | D | L | F | A | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Kiddrmnstr | 25 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 30 | 13 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 21 | 7 | 55 |
| 2 Macclsfld | 24 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 14 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 18 | 7 | 46 |
| 3 Morecambe | 22 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 22 | 13 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 22 | 15 | 41 |
| 4 Stevenage | 20 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 30 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 14 | 39 |
| 5 Woking | 22 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 28 | 16 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 15 | 12 | 38 |
| 6 Slough | 24 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 32 | 14 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 16 | 36 |
| 7 Farnborough | 20 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 16 | 15 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 6 | 36 |
| 8 Northwich | 23 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 17 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 11 | 19 | 35 |
| 9 Hednesford | 20 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 16 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 12 | 33 |
| 10 Altrncham | 23 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 12 | 15 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 15 | 24 | 29 |
| 11 Telford | 25 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 12 | 21 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 12 | 18 | 28 |
| 12 Southport | 20 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 15 | 27 |
| 13 Gateshead | 22 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 17 | 13 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 16 | 24 | 25 |
| 14 Welling | 20 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 13 | 15 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 15 | 18 | 25 |
| 15 Kettering | 22 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 11 | 23 | 23 |
| 16 Dover | 22 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 17 | 19 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 11 | 21 | 22 |
| 17 Halifax | 22 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 18 | 13 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 21 | 22 |
| 18 Bromsgrove | 23 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 20 | 16 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 22 | 22 |
| 19 Rushden & D | 22 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 13 | 15 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 17 | 22 | 21 |
| 20 Stalybridge | 21 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 14 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 20 | 21 |
| 21 Hayes | 21 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 20 | 19 |
| 22 Bath | 22 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 12 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 12 | 29 | 17 |

## OVERSEAS

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Bologna 0 Perugia 0; AC Milan 0 AC Parma 1; Napoli 1 Lazio 0; Piacenza 1 Juventus 1; Reggiana 1 Internazionale 1; AS Roma 0 Atalanta 2; Sampdoria 2 Vicenza 1; Verona 3 Udinese 2.

Leading positions

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Juventus | 14 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 21 | 11 | 29 |
| Vicenza | 14 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 23 | 15 | 23 |
| Napoli | 14 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 18 | 17 | 23 |
| Sampdoria | 14 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 22 | 15 | 22 |
| Bologna | 14 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 22 | 18 | 22 |
| Internazionale | 14 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 20 | 16 | 22 |
| AC Milan | 14 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 22 | 16 | 21 |
| AS Roma | 14 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 21 | 18 | 20 |
| Lazio | 14 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 14 | 13 | 19 |

SPANISH LEAGUE: Valladolid 1 Real Madrid 1; Athletic de Bilbao 0 Extremadura 0; Barcelona 1 Celta 0; Sporting Gijón 1 Deportivo La Coruña 1; Logrones 0 Rayo Vallecano 2; Compostela 0 Oviedo 2; Zaragoza 0 Racing Santander 2; Atlético Madrid 2 Real Sociedad 2.

Leading positions

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Real Madrid | 17 | 11 | 6 | 0 | 34 | 13 | 39 |
| FC Barcelona | 17 | 11 | 4 | 2 | 47 | 21 | 37 |
| Deportivo | 17 | 10 | 7 | 0 | 25 | 8 | 37 |
| Betis | 16 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 33 | 14 | 32 |
| Atlético Madrid | 17 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 29 | 20 | 29 |
| Real Sociedad | 17 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 25 | 21 | 28 |
| Athletic Bilbao | 17 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 29 | 23 | 27 |
| Valladolid | 17 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 21 | 20 | 26 |
| Racing S | 17 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 18 | 17 | 25 |
| Rayo Vallecano | 17 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 23 | 20 | 23 |
| Celta | 17 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 19 | 19 | 23 |
| Tenerife | 16 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 26 | 18 | 22 |
| Valencia | 16 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 23 | 23 | 20 |

FRENCH LEAGUE: Lens 1 Monaco 3; Paris Saint-Germain 1 Montpellier 1; Auxerre 0 Strasbourg 1; Metz 2 Caen 2; Lyon 0 Nantes 1; Rennes 4 Marseille 2; Cannes 1 Guingamp 0; Le Havre 1 Nancy 3; Nice 1 Lille; Bastia 3, Bordeaux 1.

DUTCH LEAGUE: Willem II Tilburg 3 Utrecht 0.

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Belenenses 0 FC Porto 2; Chaves 0 Sporting 0; Benfica 0 Maritimo 0; Uniao Leiria 1 Boavista 1; Guimaraes 3 Leca 0; Gil Vicente 1 Farense 1; Salgueiros 3 Estrela Amadora 3; Setubal 0 Espinho 2; Braga 1 Rio Ave 0.

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Cercle Bruges 1 FC Mechelen 2; Sint Truiden 2 Standard Liege 0; Lierse 2 Molenbeek 3; AA Ghent 2 Eeren 0; Antwerp 3 Charleroi 1; Anderlecht 3 Aalst 0; Genk 0 Lokeren 1; Mouscron 3 Lommel 0; Harelbeke 2 FC Bruges 0.

WORLD CUP: Concacaf zone: Central American: Semi-final round: Group one: Costa Rica 2 Trinidad and Tobago 1; Guatemala 2 United States 2.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| United States | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 5 | 13 |
| Costa Rica | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 12 |
| Guatemala | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 8 |
| Trinidad | 6 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 1 |

## NON-LEAGUE AND NATIONAL LEAGUES

### UNIBOND

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Bamber Bridge 4 Witton 2. Bishop Auckland 2 Runcorn 0; Colwyn Bay 3 Emley 2. Frickley 0 Knowsley 2. Gainsborough 3 Barrow 0. Guiseley 1 Chorley 4. Hyde 2 Boston 2. Leek 2 Accrington Stanley 1; Winsford 0 Blyth Spartans 2. Postponed: Buxton v Lancaster.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Leek Town | 23 | 15 | 5 | 3 | 42 | 20 | 50 |
| Hyde Utd | 24 | 11 | 11 | 2 | 49 | 29 | 44 |
| Blyth Spartans | 23 | 13 | 4 | 6 | 35 | 21 | 43 |
| Emley | 23 | 11 | 7 | 5 | 43 | 27 | 40 |
| Bishop A'land | 21 | 10 | 8 | 3 | 36 | 18 | 38 |
| Barrow | 24 | 11 | 5 | 8 | 32 | 24 | 38 |
| Boston Utd | 21 | 10 | 7 | 4 | 35 | 20 | 37 |
| Guiseley | 24 | 11 | 4 | 9 | 37 | 31 | 37 |
| Chorley | 26 | 10 | 6 | 10 | 44 | 32 | 36 |
| Marine | 22 | 9 | 9 | 4 | 29 | 25 | 36 |
| Gainsborough | 22 | 10 | 4 | 8 | 32 | 23 | 34 |
| Knowsley | 24 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 38 | 40 | 34 |
| Runcorn | 23 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 32 | 35 | 32 |
| Accrington S | 24 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 38 | 40 | 29 |
| Winsford Utd | 25 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 33 | 35 | 29 |
| Colwyn Bay | 24 | 7 | 7 | 10 | 32 | 36 | 28 |
| Spennymoor | 23 | 7 | 6 | 10 | 34 | 29 | 27 |
| Frickley | 18 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 28 | 34 | 23 |
| Lancaster | 18 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 22 | 32 | 19 |
| Alfreton Town | 22 | 3 | 8 | 11 | 23 | 40 | 17 |
| Witton Alb | 23 | 3 | 7 | 13 | 21 | 46 | 16 |
| Bamber Bridge | 21 | 2 | 4 | 15 | 20 | 55 | 10 |
| Buxton | 20 | 1 | 4 | 15 | 8 | 43 | 7 |

FIRST DIVISION: Droylsden 1 Stocksbridge PS 3, Eastwood Town 0 Workington 1; Farsley Celtic 2 Lincoln United 0. Great Harwood 0 Gretna 0, Harrogate Town 0 Worksop 2; Radcliffe 2 Atherton LR 0. Whitley Bay 3 Bradford P A 4. Postponed: Ashton United v Leigh.

### DR MARTENS

PREMIER DIVISION: Baldock 0 Halesowen 1. Cambridge City 1 Worcester 2. Chelmsford 1 Ashford 1. Cheltenham 2 Merthyr 0, Dorchester 5 Burton 0. Gravesend and Northfleet 4 Sudbury 2. Gresley 3 Hastings 0. Nuneaton 2 Gloucester 0 Sittingbourne 3 Crawley 5. Postponed: Newport AFC v Atherstone.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gresley Rovers | 20 | 12 | 7 | 1 | 36 | 17 | 43 |
| Halesowen | 22 | 13 | 4 | 5 | 42 | 26 | 43 |
| Gloucester C | 22 | 12 | 2 | 8 | 43 | 31 | 38 |
| Cheltenham | 19 | 11 | 3 | 5 | 39 | 20 | 36 |
| Burton | 20 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 34 | 27 | 35 |
| Salisbury | 19 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 30 | 25 | 32 |
| Merthyr | 20 | 9 | 4 | 7 | 36 | 31 | 31 |
| Kings Lynn | 20 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 28 | 28 | 30 |
| Sudbury Tn | 18 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 36 | 33 | 29 |
| Worcester City | 19 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 31 | 27 | 28 |
| Nuneaton | 18 | 8 | 2 | 8 | 22 | 22 | 26 |
| Sittingbourne | 19 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 35 | 34 | 23 |
| Crawley Town | 21 | 6 | 5 | 10 | 29 | 29 | 23 |
| Dorchester | 19 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 28 | 33 | 22 |
| Newport AFC | 21 | 5 | 6 | 10 | 23 | 36 | 21 |
| Ashford Town | 17 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 23 | 30 | 20 |
| Atherstone | 19 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 20 | 26 | 20 |
| Baldock Tn | 20 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 26 | 38 | 20 |
| Cambridge C | 19 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 29 | 31 | 19 |
| Gravesend & N | 19 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 26 | 40 | 19 |
| Chelmsford | 21 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 25 | 36 | 18 |
| Hastings | 18 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 27 | 39 | 17 |

MIDLAND DIVISION: Bilston 4 V S Rugby 3. Dudley Town 3 Grantham 2. Evesham 0 Corby 0; Hinckley Town 0 Bedworth 0. Ilkeston 4 Shepshed Dynamo 2. Moor Green 2 Stourbridge 1. Paget 1 Pothwell 3. R C Warwick 3 Solihull Boro 3 Stafford 2 Redditch 1. Southern division: Buckingham Town 0 Weymouth 5, Cirencester 2 Dartford 4; Clevedon 5 Fleet 2. Erith and Belvedere 2 Cinderford 0 Fareham 0 Weston-super-Mare 3. Havant 1 Tonbridge Angels 1. Margate 2 Forest Green 0 Trowbridge 2 Bashley 3; Witney 1 Fisher 3. Yate 1 Newport (IoW) 5. Postponed: St Leonards v Waterlooville.

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PREMIER DIVISION: Bishop's Stortford 0 Yeovil 1. Chertsey 0 Dag and Red 3; Dulwich 3 Grays 0. Enfield 3 Boreham Wood 0; Hendon 2 Carshalton 2; Heybridge Swifts 4 Bromley 3. Oxford City 3 Kingstonian 1; St Albans 2 Harrow 2; Sutton United 2 Staines 0; Yeading 0 Hitchin 1.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Yeovil | 19 | 14 | 3 | 2 | 32 | 15 | 45 |
| Enfield | 19 | 13 | 4 | 2 | 42 | 16 | 43 |
| Sutton Utd | 17 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 36 | 25 | 35 |
| Dulwich | 21 | 10 | 4 | 7 | 38 | 27 | 34 |
| Oxford City | 21 | 10 | 4 | 7 | 44 | 39 | 34 |
| Heybridge | 20 | 10 | 3 | 7 | 28 | 32 | 33 |
| Dag & Red | 17 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 26 | 11 | 32 |
| Aylesbury | 20 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 21 | 21 | 30 |
| Yeading | 18 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 30 | 24 | 26 |
| Purfleet | 20 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 28 | 28 | 26 |
| Hitchin | 21 | 7 | 4 | 10 | 25 | 35 | 25 |
| Carshalton | 20 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 24 | 28 | 24 |
| Kingstonian | 21 | 7 | 2 | 12 | 33 | 39 | 23 |
| St Albans | 17 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 31 | 29 | 22 |
| Bromley | 14 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 28 | 20 | 21 |
| Bishop's S'ford | 19 | 6 | 3 | 10 | 17 | 29 | 21 |
| Hendon | 17 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 22 | 23 | 19 |
| Boreham W | 17 | 6 | 1 | 10 | 19 | 28 | 19 |
| Harrow B | 20 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 25 | 33 | 18 |
| Grays | 17 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 23 | 28 | 17 |
| Staines | 20 | 5 | 2 | 13 | 19 | 34 | 17 |
| Chertsey Town | 21 | 4 | 3 | 14 | 24 | 51 | 15 |

FIRST DIVISION: Abingdon Town 1 Croydon 0; Aldershot Town 2 Tooting and Mitcham 2. Barton 0 Marlow 1, Billericay 1 Basingstoke 1 Bognor Regis 2 Thame 2. Chesham 4 Molesey 0; Hampton 2 Worthing 0; Leyton Pennant 1 Wokingham 1; Uxbridge 2 Maidenhead United 0. Walton and Hersham 2 Berkhamsted 1. Whyteleafe 4 Canvey Island 2. **Second division:** Cheshunt 1 Wivenhoe 2; Edgware 4 Banstead 1. Egham 0 Wembley 6. Hemel Hempstead 0 Barking 2; Horsham 0 Bedford Town 2; Hungerford 3 Metropolitan Police 0; Leatherhead 4 Windsor and Eton 2. Leighton 2 Collier Row and Romford 2; Tilbury 3 Dorking 0; Ware 0 Bracknell 2; Witham 2 Chalfont St Peter 2. Third division: Braintree 2 Wealdstone 0, Camberley 0 Tring 2. Clapton 0 East Thurrock 1. Epsom and Ewell 3 Aveley 5, Harlow 3 Flackwell Heath 0 Kingsbury 2 Lewes 1 Northwood 7 Hertford 3 Southall 2 Hornchurch 3.

### FA CARLSBERG VASE

THIRD ROUND REPLAYS: Bridgnorth 1 Spalding 2; Greenwich 1 Concord 3. Third round: Hucknall 2 Newcastle Town 1; Hinckley Athletic 0 Stamford AFC 1.

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Eton Manor 0 Bowers 1; Hullbridge Sports 0 Burnham Ramblers 2; Ilford 1 Saffron Walden 1, Great Wakering 2 Basildon 0. Sawbridgeworth 0 Southend Manor 1, Stansted 1 Ford United 3.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Amersham 2 Haringey 2; Beaconsfield SYCOB 1 Hanwell 1; Brimsdown Rovers 2 Croydon Ath 2. Brook House 2 Waltham Abbey 1, Harefield United 2 Hillingdon 5; St Margaretsbury 3 Cockfosters 0. Harry Sunderland Shield: Craven 0 Ocua 6 Leyton Co 3 Bridon Ropes 1.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS: Premier division: Arlesey 0 Brache Sparta 1, Bedford 3 Harpenden 1, Hoddesdon 1 Langford 0 Letchworth 2 Milton Keynes 2; Potters Bar 2 Biggleswade 0; Royston 4 Buckingham Athletic 1 Welwyn Garden 1 Toddington 2.

COURAGE COMBINED COUNTIES: Premier division: Ash United 1 Hartley Wintney 1 Bedfont 3 Viking Sports 1; Chipstead 6 Sandhurst 0. Cobham 1 Feltham 3. Corinthian Casuals 0 Westfield 0, Cranleigh 3 Farnham Town 8; Merstham 1 Ashford Town 3 Reading Town 0 Cove 0, Walton Casuals 2 Godalming and Guildford 1. Postponed: Raynes Park Vale v Netherne.

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford 1 Mangotsfield 1; Bridgwater 2 Brislington 2; Calne 0 Bridport 1. Chard 2 Torrington 2; Odd Down 1 Taunton 3; Paulton 7 Barnstaple 1; Westbury 0 Tiverton 3. Les Phillips Cup: Crediton 5 Keynsham 1.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Diss 4 March 0; Fakenham 0 Harwich and Parkeston 4; Great Yarmouth 0 Tiptree 1, Hadleigh 1 Gorleston 3; Halstead 2 Felixstowe P and T 0. Lowestoft 3 Soham 1. Stowmarket 2 Bury Town 1; Sudbury 0 Clacton 1; Warboys 2 Woodbridge 0; Wisbech 5 Sudbury 1.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Totton 3 Gosport 2; Aerostructures 2 East Cowes 5, Bournemouth 3 Thatcham 2; Brockenhurst 2 Petersfield 1, Christchurch 1 Bemerton Heath Harl 2; Cowes Sports 1 Portsmouth R.N 2, Downton 1 Whitchurch 2; Eastleigh 4 B.A.T 1; Romsey 0 Ryde Sports 1; Wimborne Town 3 Andover 1.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Burgess Hill 3 Shoreham 0; Eastbourne Town 4 Hassocks 1. Langney Sports 2 Arundel 3; Oakwood 1 Selsey 1; Peacehaven and Telscombe 2 Horsham Y M C A 0; Portfield 1 Mile Oak 3, Southwick 3 Pagham 3, Whitehawk 1 Ringmer 4, Wick 4 Saltdean 0. Postponed: Three Bridges v Hailsham.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Chatham Town 3 Thamesmead Town 0; Corinthian 0 Furness 1; Crockenhill 0 Whitstable Town 2; Deal Town 1 Canterbury City 0; Folkestone Invicta 4 Tunbridge Wells 1. Herne Bay 2 Cray Wanderers 0; Sheppey United 5 Lordswood 0; Slade Green 0 Faversham Town 1; Ramsgate 2 Woolwich Town 1.

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Abingdon United 2 North Leigh 0. Almondsbury 1 Swindon Supermarine 3. Carterton 1 Wantage 2; Highworth 4 Fairford 1; Lambourn Sports 0 Endsleigh 0; Shortwood 1 Burnham 2, Tuffley 1 Banbury 2. Postponed: Brackley v Kintbury.

UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cogenhoe 6 Kempston 1; M Blackstone 5 Bourne 1; Newport Pagnell 1 Wootton 0; N.Spencer 1 Long Buckby 2, S and L Corby 2 Potton 0; Wellingborough 3 Stamford 3. Postponed: Spalding v Holbeach.

INTERLINK EXPRESS ALLIANCE: Barwell 2 Rocester 1. Blakenall 3 Chasetown 1. Halesowen Harriers 0 Pelsall Villa 1; Rushall Olympic 1 Bloxwich 4; Sandwell 1 Boldmere St. Michaels 3; Shifnal 1 Pershore 2; Stratford 1 Oldbury 0. West Midlands Police 1 Willenhall 0. Postponed: Knypersley v Stapenhill.

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Alvechurch 0 Meir KA 2, Bolehall Swifts 1 Kings Heath 0. David Lloyd 2 Handrahan Timbers 0; Highgate 0 West Midland Fire Service 1. Massey Ferguson 2 Knowle 2: Wellesbourne 2 Bilston Community College 2. Postponed: Worcester v Coventry Sphinx.

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Bloxwich 1 Wolverhampton Casuals 3; Cradley 4 Wolverhampton United 0. Gornal 3 Hill Top 2. Lye 3 Malvern 3. Stourport 3 Darlaston 4. Walsall Wood 1 Ludlow 2; Westfields 2 Wednesfield 5. Postponed: Tividale v Stafford.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Salford 1 Maine Road 1, St Helens 4 Rossendale 3. Postponed: Chadderton v Prescot cables; Kidsgrove v Blackpool Rovers.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare 1 Hatfield Main 3; Arnold 1 Ossett Town 0; Ashfield 2 Thackley 1; Belper Town 3 Pickering 0. Brigg 4 Glasshoughton Welfare 1; Hallam 4 Sheffield 2. Maltby M.W. 3 Liversedge 2. Pontefract Cols 0 Denaby 0; Selby 0 North Ferriby 3.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Crook 2 South Shields 1; Guisborough 0 Billingham Synthonia 3; Murton 2 Dunston Federation 1; Seaham Red Star 0 Morpeth 1; Shildon 0 Whickham 0; Whitby 3 Durham 1. Postponed: Chester-le-Street v West Auckland; R.T.M. Newcastle v Easington; Tow Law v Consett.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES: First division: Chelsea 3 Tottenham 2; Fulham 2 Millwall 5; Gillingham 1 Queens Park Rangers 3; Leyton Orient 1 Arsenal 1; Watford 2 Portsmouth 1, West Ham 5 Ipswich 1. Postponed: Cambridge v Charlton; Southend v Norwich. Second division: Barnet 0 Wycombe 1; Crystal Palace 2 Colchester 0; Luton 2 Bristol 1; Oxford 1 Brentford 1; Reading 0 Southampton 5; Swindon 3 Brighton 0; Tottenham 2 Bristol 2; Wimbledon 3 Bournemouth 1.

OLD BOYS' LEAGUE: Premier division: O Hamptonians 1 Clapham OX 3; O Ignatians 2 O Kingsburians 1, O Vaughanians 2 O Meadonians 4.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Senior one: Albanian 0 Hale End Ath 4; Nottsborough 0 Witan 2; O Finchleians 2 Parkfield 2.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Arthur Dunn Cup: First round proper: Carthusians 0 Malvernians 2; Haberdashers 2 Salopians 8. Replays: Foresters 3 Cholmeleians 1 (aet); Wykehamists 2 Harrovians 1. Premier division: Chigwellians 3 Brentwoods 1.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: First division: Carshalton 1 Nat West Bank 1; Norseman 1 Old Parmiterans 2; Old Esthameians 1 Crouch End Vampires 3.

### NATIONAL

GILBERT LEAGUE OF WALES: Carmarthen Town 1 Flint Town 0, Connah's Quay 4 Newtown 0; Rhyl 1 Inter Cable-Tel 0; Ton Pentre 1 Llansantffraid 2; Welshpool 1 Porthmadog 1.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Caernarfon T | 19 | 13 | 4 | 2 | 44 | 29 | 43 |
| Barry Town | 16 | 12 | 4 | 0 | 42 | 8 | 40 |
| Inter Cable-Tel | 19 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 36 | 12 | 40 |
| Porthmadog | 19 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 40 | 16 | 40 |
| Newtown | 20 | 12 | 2 | 6 | 36 | 22 | 38 |
| Conwy | 19 | 10 | 4 | 5 | 36 | 19 | 34 |
| Ebbw Vale | 18 | 10 | 2 | 6 | 36 | 14 | 32 |
| Bangor City | 19 | 10 | 2 | 7 | 34 | 24 | 32 |
| Cwmbran | 18 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 32 | 26 | 31 |
| Llansantffraid | 19 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 40 | 35 | 30 |
| Connah's Quay | 19 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 34 | 31 | 29 |
| Ton Pentre | 20 | 9 | 1 | 10 | 33 | 33 | 28 |
| Cemaes Bay | 18 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 32 | 35 | 27 |
| Carmarthen T | 19 | 5 | 3 | 11 | 23 | 46 | 18 |
| Welshpool | 19 | 4 | 4 | 11 | 24 | 38 | 16 |
| Aberystwyth | 17 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 25 | 36 | 13 |
| Rhyl | 18 | 3 | 3 | 12 | 16 | 34 | 12 |
| Holywell | 18 | 3 | 3 | 12 | 20 | 43 | 12 |
| Flint Town | 18 | 2 | 4 | 12 | 15 | 37 | 10 |
| Caersws | 18 | 2 | 4 | 12 | 19 | 45 | 10 |
| Briton Ferry | 18 | 3 | 1 | 14 | 20 | 52 | 10 |

WELSH CUP: Fourth round: Aberystwyth 2 Ebbw Vale 2; Barry 2 Cemaes Bay 0, Briton Ferry 1 Bp Llandarcy 2; Caernarfon 1 Conwy 1; Grange Quins 1 Cwmbran 3, Maesteg Park 0 Holywell 1; Porth Tywyn 1 Caersws 3; Porthcawl 1 Port Talbot 0.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Cliftonville 2 Linfield 4, Coleraine 1 Portadown 1; Glenavon 2 Ards 1; Glentoran 1 Crusaders 1. First division: Ballyclare 0 Newry 2; Bangor 2 Distillery 1, Larne 1 Ballymena 3; Omagh 3 Carrick 1.

PRESS & JOURNAL HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Brora Rangers 2 Wick Academy 2; Deveronvale 0 Buckie Thistle 0; Fraserburgh 1 Peterhead 1. Postponed: Elgin City v Lossiemouth; Fort William v Clachnacuddin; Huntly v Cove Rangers.

FAI HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bray Wanderers 2 Sligo Rovers 2; Derry City 1 Bohemians 0.

## POOLS CHECK

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 |
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| 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

FORECAST: Half-time: no claims are required — winnings sent automatically — forecast is very good, eight score draws, 13 no-score draws. Full-time: telephone claims are invited for 22 points — although winnings sent automatically — dividend forecast is moderate; six score draws, seven no-score draws.

F.A. CARLING PREMIERSHIP

| | P | HOME W | D | L | F | A | AWAY W | D | L | F | A | Pt | Goal diff |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Liverpool | 18 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 22 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 13 | 8 | 37 | +18 |
| 2 Arsenal | 18 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 22 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 13 | 10 | 35 | +17 |
| 3 Wimbledon | 18 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 18 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 12 | 34 | +8 |
| 4 A Villa | 18 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 16 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 10 | 33 | +12 |
| 5 Man Utd | 18 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 21 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 16 | 17 | 31 | +12 |
| 6 Newcastle | 17 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 19 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 30 | +8 |
| 7 Everton | 18 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 16 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 11 | 28 | +6 |
| 8 Chelsea | 18 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 16 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 12 | 16 | 28 | +1 |
| 9 Sheff Wed | 18 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 13 | 26 | -1 |
| 10 Tottenham | 18 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 10 | 25 | 0 |
| 11 Derby | 18 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 10 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 13 | 22 | -3 |
| 12 Leeds | 18 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 11 | 22 | -5 |
| 13 Leicester | 18 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 14 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 10 | 21 | -7 |
| 14 Sunderland | 18 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 10 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 18 | 20 | -9 |
| 15 West Ham | 18 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 12 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 13 | 18 | -9 |
| 16 Southmptn | 18 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 18 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 23 | 16 | -6 |
| 17 Coventry | 18 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 11 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 13 | 16 | -10 |
| 18 Middlesbro | 18 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 13 | 13 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 20 | 15 | -12 |
| 19 Blackburn | 17 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 10 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 13 | -6 |
| 20 Nottm F | 18 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 12 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 18 | 13 | -14 |

Nationwide FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## FIRST DIVISION

| | P | HOME W | D | L | F | A | AWAY W | D | L | F | A | Pt | Gls |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Barnsley | 23 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 25 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 17 | 14 | 44 | (42) |
| 2 Bolton | 24 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 26 | 11 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 22 | 23 | 43 | (48) |
| 3 Sheff Utd | 24 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 21 | 11 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 19 | 14 | 42 | (40) |
| 4 C Palace | 24 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 24 | 11 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 24 | 13 | 39 | (48) |
| 5 Wolvrhmptn | 23 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 12 | 13 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 19 | 9 | 36 | (31) |
| 6 Oxford Utd | 24 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 22 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 12 | 18 | 34 | (34) |
| 7 QPR | 24 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 15 | 14 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 16 | 15 | 34 | (31) |
| 8 Stoke | 22 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 17 | 12 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 13 | 19 | 34 | (30) |
| 9 Port Vale | 24 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 16 | 12 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 12 | 12 | 34 | (28) |
| 10 Norwich | 23 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 14 | 9 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 16 | 24 | 33 | (30) |
| 11 Birmingham | 23 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 14 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 17 | 33 | (24) |
| 12 Tranmere | 24 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 23 | 17 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 14 | 32 | (31) |
| 13 Swindon | 24 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 24 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 10 | 21 | 30 | (34) |
| 14 Ipswich | 24 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 18 | 16 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 12 | 18 | 30 | (30) |
| 15 Portsmth | 24 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 18 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 19 | 30 | (28) |
| 16 West Brom | 23 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 19 | 20 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 17 | 17 | 29 | (36) |
| 17 Charlton | 23 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 16 | 13 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 20 | 29 | (24) |
| 18 Huddersfld | 24 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 18 | 10 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 23 | 28 | (27) |
| 19 Reading | 24 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 15 | 11 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 10 | 22 | 28 | (25) |
| 20 Man City | 23 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 16 | 14 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 11 | 23 | 26 | (27) |
| 21 Oldham | 24 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 13 | 14 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 13 | 15 | 26 | (26) |
| 22 Southend | 24 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 20 | 18 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 23 | 25 | (24) |
| 23 Bradford | 24 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 19 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 19 | 23 | (22) |
| 24 Grimsby | 23 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 13 | 22 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 12 | 20 | 22 | (25) |

## SECOND DIVISION

| | P | HOME W | D | L | F | A | AWAY W | D | L | F | A | Pt | Gls |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Brentford | 24 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 23 | 13 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 14 | 11 | 44 | (37) |
| 2 Luton | 23 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 25 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 16 | 19 | 43 | (41) |
| 3 Bury | 23 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 21 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 14 | 17 | 41 | (35) |
| 4 Millwall | 24 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 10 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 15 | 14 | 41 | (33) |
| 5 Wrexham | 22 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 18 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 11 | 14 | 38 | (29) |
| 6 Stockport | 24 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 12 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 17 | 18 | 38 | (29) |
| 7 Watford | 23 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 11 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 14 | 9 | 38 | (25) |
| 8 Chestrfld | 23 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 13 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 9 | 38 | (23) |
| 9 Burnley | 24 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 23 | 13 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 14 | 37 | (33) |
| 10 Crewe | 23 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 26 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 20 | 37 | (32) |
| 11 Bristol City | 23 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 26 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 12 | 18 | 34 | (38) |
| 12 Shrwsbury | 24 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 16 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 17 | 21 | 29 | (30) |
| 13 Bristol R | 24 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 19 | 14 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 14 | 29 | (26) |
| 14 Preston | 24 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 18 | 11 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 6 | 16 | 29 | (24) |
| 15 York | 23 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 14 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 21 | 29 | (24) |
| 16 Blackpool | 24 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 16 | 10 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 17 | 28 | (25) |
| 17 Plymouth | 24 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 12 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 16 | 22 | 27 | (28) |
| 18 Walsall | 23 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 16 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 8 | 20 | 27 | (24) |
| 19 Gillingham | 24 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 17 | 15 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 14 | 27 | (23) |
| 20 Bournemth | 24 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 12 | 15 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 14 | 27 | (22) |
| 21 Peterboro | 24 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 26 | 23 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 20 | 24 | (35) |
| 22 Wycombe | 24 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 12 | 26 | 23 | (22) |
| 23 Notts Co | 23 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 11 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 16 | 21 | (15) |
| 24 Rotherham | 23 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 10 | 25 | 16 | (19) |

## THIRD DIVISION

| | P | HOME W | D | L | F | A | AWAY W | D | L | F | A | Pt | Gls |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Fulham | 24 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 21 | 10 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 18 | 7 | 52 | (39) |
| 2 Carlisle | 24 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 21 | 11 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 17 | 13 | 46 | (38) |
| 3 Cambs Utd | 24 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 20 | 12 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 16 | 18 | 44 | (36) |
| 4 Wigan | 23 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 26 | 11 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 14 | 15 | 41 | (40) |
| 5 Chester | 23 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 17 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 13 | 36 | (27) |
| 6 Swansea | 23 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 11 | 18 | 35 | (27) |
| 7 Scunthrpe | 24 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 21 | 16 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 13 | 18 | 34 | (34) |
| 8 Northmptn | 24 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 19 | 11 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 14 | 16 | 34 | (33) |
| 9 Cardiff | 22 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 18 | 15 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 34 | (26) |
| 10 Torquay | 24 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 13 | 18 | 34 | (26) |
| 11 Colchester | 24 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 22 | 12 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 13 | 17 | 33 | (35) |
| 12 Barnet | 23 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 17 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 10 | 32 | (24) |
| 13 Hull | 24 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 14 | 15 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 11 | 32 | (23) |
| 14 Lincoln | 24 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 15 | 11 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 15 | 25 | 31 | (30) |
| 15 Scarboro | 23 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 15 | 15 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 15 | 15 | 30 | (30) |
| 16 Rochdale | 23 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 15 | 11 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 14 | 18 | 29 | (29) |
| 17 Hartlpool | 23 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 15 | 16 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 13 | 14 | 28 | (28) |
| 18 Mansfield | 23 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 15 | 16 | 28 | (24) |
| 19 L Orient | 23 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 11 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 16 | 28 | (19) |
| 20 Exeter | 24 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 14 | 13 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 21 | 26 | (23) |
| 21 Doncaster | 23 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 14 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 11 | 23 | 24 | (25) |
| 22 Hereford | 24 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 16 | 14 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 21 | 23 | (25) |
| 23 Darlington | 24 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 18 | 17 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 15 | 27 | 22 | (33) |
| 24 †Brighton | 24 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 17 | 19 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 4 | 25 | 14 | (21) |

†Brighton have been deducted two points

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

## PREMIER DIVISION

| | P | HOME W | D | L | F | A | AWAY W | D | L | F | A | Pt | Goal diff |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Rangers | 18 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 25 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 21 | 9 | 44 | +29 |
| 2 Celtic | 15 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 19 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 10 | 30 | +18 |
| 3 Aberdeen | 18 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 16 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 14 | 13 | 29 | +7 |
| 4 Dunfrine | 17 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 14 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 19 | 23 | -8 |
| 5 Hibernian | 18 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 13 | 16 | 22 | -7 |
| 6 Dundee Utd | 18 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 12 | 12 | 21 | 0 |
| 7 Hearts | 18 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 11 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 16 | 21 | -7 |
| 8 Motherwll | 18 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 14 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 10 | 13 | 18 | -8 |
| 9 Kilmarnck | 17 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 17 | 18 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 15 | 17 | -9 |
| 10 Raith | 17 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 17 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 13 | 15 | -15 |

## FIRST DIVISION

| | P | HOME W | D | L | F | A | AWAY W | D | L | F | A | Pt | Goal diff |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 St Johnstn | 18 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 18 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 19 | 6 | 41 | +29 |
| 2 Airdrie | 19 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 13 | 12 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 18 | 7 | 32 | +12 |
| 3 Dundee | 18 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 11 | 2 | 30 | +10 |
| 4 St Mirren | 17 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 13 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 13 | 11 | 27 | +3 |
| 5 Falkirk | 17 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 27 | +2 |
| 6 G Morton | 18 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 8 | 26 | +4 |
| 7 Partick | 17 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 12 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 13 | 24 | +6 |
| 8 Clydebank | 18 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 17 | 17 | -14 |
| 9 Stirling | 19 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 14 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 23 | 14 | -16 |
| 10 East Fife | 17 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 26 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 21 | 7 | -36 |

## SECOND DIVISION

| | P | HOME W | D | L | F | A | AWAY W | D | L | F | A | Pt | Goal diff |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Livingston | 18 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 20 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 9 | 40 | +16 |
| 2 Ayr | 17 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 16 | 11 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 8 | 35 | +11 |
| 3 Hamilton | 17 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 20 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 14 | 5 | 34 | +20 |
| 4 Clyde | 17 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 13 | 8 | 26 | +2 |
| 5 Stenhsmuir | 17 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 16 | 5 | 23 | +10 |
| 6 Queen Of S | 18 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 14 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 15 | 18 | 23 | -4 |
| 7 Stranraer | 17 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 14 | 18 | -9 |
| 8 Brechin | 18 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 14 | 16 | -8 |
| 9 Dumbarton | 17 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 11 | 17 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 8 | 15 | 16 | -13 |
| 10 Berwick | 18 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 20 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 22 | 8 | -25 |

## THIRD DIVISION

| | P | HOME W | D | L | F | A | AWAY W | D | L | F | A | Pt | Goal diff |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Inverness CT | 18 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 15 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 17 | 14 | 35 | +11 |
| 2 Ross Co | 18 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 15 | 15 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 14 | 8 | 30 | +6 |
| 3 Montrose | 19 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 17 | 14 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 15 | 16 | 30 | +2 |
| 4 Alloa | 17 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 11 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 13 | 12 | 28 | +4 |
| 5 Forfar | 16 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 15 | 15 | 25 | +4 |
| 6 Cowdnbth | 18 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 11 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 13 | 11 | 24 | +2 |
| 7 Albion | 17 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 10 | 24 | +2 |
| 8 Queen's Pk | 18 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 16 | 18 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 13 | 20 | -5 |
| 9 East Stirling | 18 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 19 | 14 | -13 |
| 10 Arbroath | 17 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 14 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 12 | 12 | -13 |

**FOOTBALL**

# Gascoigne piles on misery for Jefferies

**KEVIN McCARRA**

*Scottish commentary*

MANAGEMENT, for the most part, is paid misery. On Saturday, Jim Jefferies earned a living by watching his Heart of Midlothian team lose 4-1 to Rangers at Tynecastle. This was the team's seventh successive match without a win and the sheer drabness of Hearts was set off perfectly a gleaming performance by Rangers.

It is months since Rangers have played with such extravagant excellence and the dominance of Paul Gascoigne explained the vigour of the ensemble. Whatever restraint may still be required in his private life, Gascoigne can only thrive on the field when he is untainted by circumspection. Against Hearts, his instincts were on the loose, unleashing constant entertainment on the game.

The goal with which Gascoigne rounded off the scoring packed a surge of excitement into a single moment. As he ran through on the left, the incredulous spectator first guessed his intention, then wondered if it could succeed and finally marvelled at the execution. By bending the ball off the outside of his left foot, Gascoigne defeated a narrow angle, swerving around Gilles Rousset, the goalkeeper, a shot that cannoned into the net off the inside of the far post.

Jefferies may have been capable of appreciating the technique, but enjoyment would have been too much to ask of him. A disconsolate mood must surely have set in as soon as Neil Pointon was sent off, in the final minute of the first half, for a foul on Erik Bo Andersen. Pointon had also been shown the red card against Rangers in September.

The precise number of Hearts men deployed on Saturday, however, had little bearing on the outcome, such was Rangers' authority. The much-admired Jefferies is left to ponder his next step at a club that is £6.4 million in the red. At Tynecastle, financial troubles are passed down the generations, like a family Bible.

Alex MacDonald, one of Jefferies's predecessors in the post, has known little else than budgets so tight that they threaten to squeeze the life out of a manager. He was dismissed by Hearts in 1990, four years after narrowly failing, with a makeshift team, to win both the premier division and the Tennents Scottish Cup.

With his flair for frugality, he then became the ideal choice for Airdrieonians. For the past two years the club has had no ground of its own, no suitable training facilities and, with home matches being played in Cumbernauld, no real support. If Airdrie cannot be made to flower, though, MacDonald always ensures that they are a thorn in the flesh of richer rivals.

Watching the side at its worst can give one a dull ache at the temples and MacDonald has admitted to pragmatism, once remarking, after a defeat by Aberdeen, that "We ended up playing football, and that doesn't suit our style." Even so, their organised awkwardness has taken Airdrie to two Scottish Cup finals since 1992. He might very well have collected the trophy were it not for the great misfortune of first meeting Rangers and then Celtic on those occasions.

MacDonald is now coveted once again. Yesterday Kilmarnock were attempting to persuade him to take charge at Rugby Park and set his know-how to the task of keeping the club in the premier division. Alex Totten had been dismissed by Kilmarnock at the beginning of this month and on Saturday he was appointed manager at Falkirk, where a vacancy had cropped up when Eamonn Bannon was dismissed for bringing a £25,000 fine upon the club by fielding an ineligible player.

In the premier division alone, four clubs have parted company with their managers since the beginning of this season and the precariousness of the profession is infamous. Yet, while this line of work is not for those of timid disposition, the survival rate, in another sense, is high.

The careers of MacDonald and Totten have been wounded but never killed off and, after decades in the game, they still remain the answer to a chairman's prayers.

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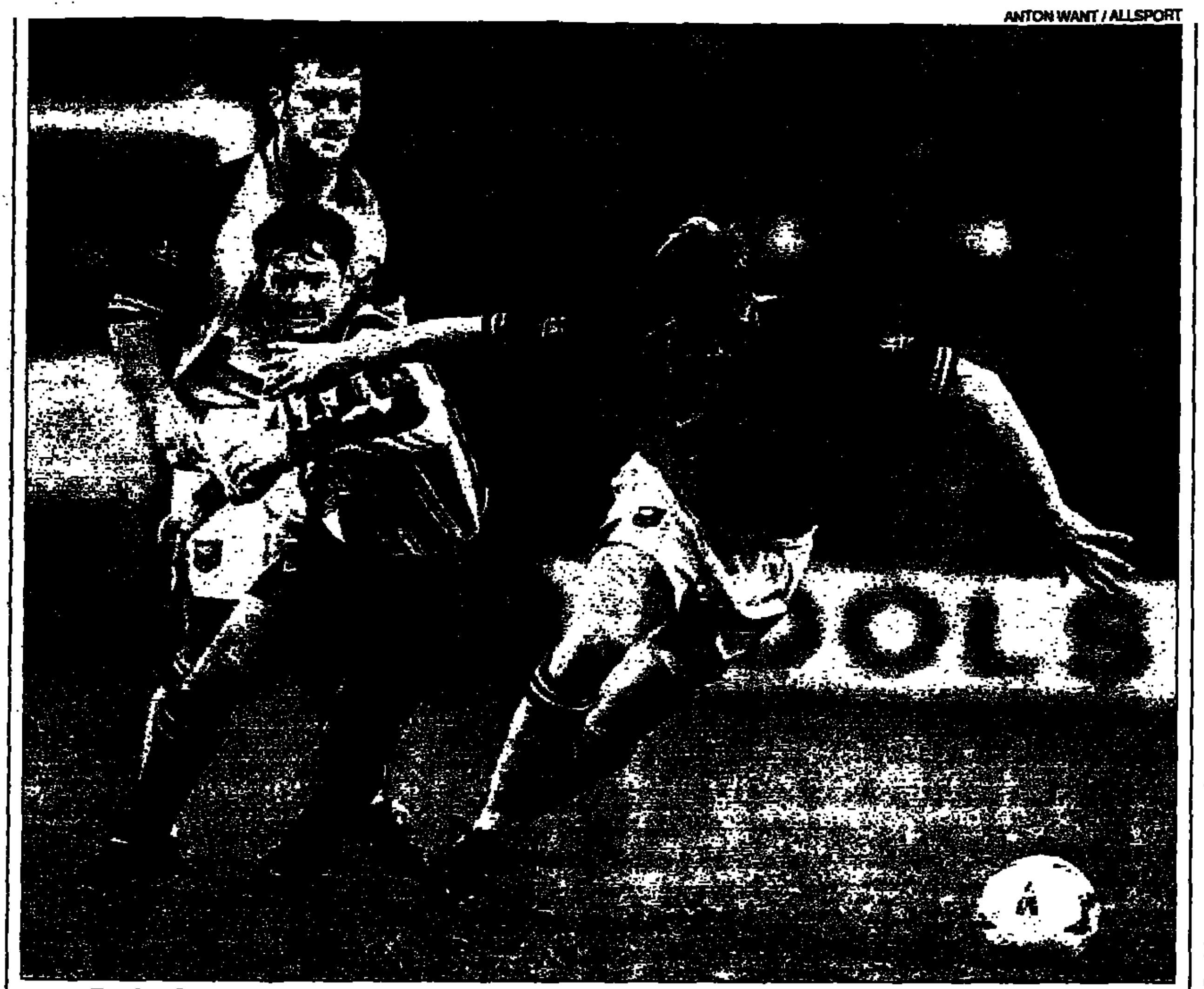

Davis, of Barnsley, pulls away from Walker during the victory over Sheffield United at Bramall Lane

# Hendrie puts Barnsley in charge

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| Sheffield United | 0 |
| Barnsley | 1 |

BY IVO TENNANT

FORGET all that talk about Christmas shopping interfering with the football. At Bramall Lane on Saturday, nearly 25,000 attended the most significant South Yorkshire derby match for many a season, won, deservedly so, by Barnsley.

On this evidence, Barnsley, where Dickie Bird, the great umpire, and the miners' strike were nurtured, could soon have a footballing reputation besides. This match was to decide the leadership of the Nationwide League first division, a position that Barnsley retain after Bolton Wanderers drew with Swindon yesterday. No longer, perhaps, will this pockmarked Yorkshire community remain in the lee of the bigger clubs in the area.

Danny Wilson, Barnsley's business-like manager, likes to play the game properly and with an adherence to skill, and that cannot always have been true in the past. The winning goal was a case in point. It had not been an exceptional match, but this one moment stood out. Receiving the ball from Eaden, Hendrie, the experienced Barnsley midfield player, turned sharply in Sheffield United's penalty area and shot underneath Kelly's dive — a move, apparently, practised in training.

There was little doubting the outcome now, for only four minutes remained. United, too, had tried to play decent football, but they were not at full strength, as Howard Kendall, their manager, remarked upon yet refused to hold up as an excuse.

Not that Barnsley were devoid of injury problems. Redfearn, their captain, whose midfield skills produce many of their best moments, went off with hamstring trouble in the first half. There were enhanced responsibilities for the players from overseas, but, on one a bitter afternoon, they were not found wanting.

Nor was Watson, who tipped over the bar a chested-down volley from Patterson, clutched a header from point-blank range by Katchouro and parried a left-footed drive from the same player. Kendall describes Watson as a good goalkeeper and praise from him is worth more than it would be from most managers at this level.

Otherwise, the best chances of a contest that increasingly cried out for the kind of goal that Hendrie ultimately provided fell to Bosancic, whose drive was touched over by Kelly, and Wilkinson, whose attempt from close range was deflected wide. Both these opportunities belonged to Barnsley, as did the spoils. Their approach to the game merits promotion.

SHEFFIELD UNITED (3-5-2): A Kelly — D Hodgson, D Holdsworth, P Parker — M Beard, N Spackman, D Hutchison, M Patterson, A Scott (sub: P Simpson, 60min) — P Katchouro, A Walker

BARNSLEY (3-5-2): D Watson — P Shirtliffe, S Davis, A Dezeeuw — N Eaden, J Bosancic, J Hendrie, N Redfearn (sub: S Jones, 19), D Sheridan — P Wilkinson, C Marcelle.

Referee: E Lomas.

# Duncan content to live with criticism

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| Chesterfield | 1 |
| Bournemouth | 1 |

BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

JOHN DUNCAN, the Chesterfield manager, was dispensing welcome glasses of seasonal hospitality along with a realistic appraisal of his team's performance to the reporters assembled in his office after a disappointing draw on a bone-chilling afternoon.

"One of the few games when that fire in the belly, that ovewhelming hunger that really gave us the edge on teams over the past three years, wasn't there on the day," he said. "Character, without the fire, got us the draw. We're normally much more on the ball, but Bournemouth deserved credit. It was a close encounter."

Duncan himself receives only grudging credit from supporters who question his methods, although they cannot quibble with his record: Chesterfield are occupying the upper reaches of the second division for the second successive season since Duncan led them to promotion in 1995. "I don't like his tactics," David Radford, of the *Crooked Spireite* fanzine, said, "although the defence is very good. Sean Dyche is the best centre half in the division by a long way." The crowd behind the goal put it more succinctly, with chants of "boring, boring Duncan."

"Fine, let them be critical," Duncan said. "It's part of the game, but we've won the past six home matches and drawn one. Overall, I'm surprised how well we've done."

Chesterfield took an early lead when Lormor bent a 20-yard shot into the top far corner. Bournemouth should have equalised before half-time, but managed only a miss-of-the-season contender when Beardsmore fired Watson's low cross into the side netting rather than the empty goal. Instead, they had to wait until the final quarter, when Town's low shot was deflected in by Cox.

CHESTERFIELD (4-4-2): W Mercer — J Hewitt, M Williams, S Dyche, M Jules — C Perkins (sub: A Morris, 83min), T Curtis, P Holland, J Howard (sub: L Rogers, 85) — K Davies, A Lormor

BOURNEMOUTH (4-4-2): J Glass — N Young, R Ferdinand, I Cox, J Vincent — J Bailey, M Rawlinson (sub: D Town, 74), M Holland, R Beardsmore — M Watson, R Murphy

Referee: M Halsey

# Todd puts his faith in Bolton's ability to rise again

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| Swindon Town | 2 |
| Bolton Wanderers | 2 |

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

IN EARLY November Bolton Wanderers stood seven points clear at the top of the Nationwide League first division. A swift return to the FA Carling Premiership appeared a formality. Seven weeks on it is anything but. Bolton have lost their leadership to Barnsley and have not won in eight league matches. How the mighty have fallen.

All is not lost yet. At the County Ground yesterday, against a vigorous Swindon Town side, Bolton competed encouragingly, twice going a goal behind but twice equalising.

They thought that they had won it when Green bundled the ball home from close range in the final minute. His joy was short-lived, though, the effort being ruled out for offside.

Colin Todd, the Bolton manager, still believes that he has a good side. "We are just going through one of those spells when things don't go right for you," he said. "We have got to just make it happen."

Defeat would have been unfair on Swindon, whose run of five defeats in seven matches has seen them slide to mid-table. They dominated much of a scrappy first half, with O'Sullivan always to the fore in midfield, and went ahead with a delightful goal in the 33rd minute.

Walters may have disappeared from the public consciousness since his best days at Liverpool and Aston Villa, but, on occasion, he can still reproduce the wizardry of old. After Allison won a crunching challenge with Fairclough, Walters gathered the loose ball, looked up and floated the most delicate of chips over Ward.

Whatever their problems, Bolton's ability still shines through. Green brought the scores level shortly after the interval. He had been on the pitch only three minutes, replacing Johansen, and managed to divert Blake's cross past Digby.

Swindon regained their lead when Kerslake and Watson combined nicely for Allison to drive in from ten yards, but Bolton refused to lay down. Blake again played the provider, six minutes from the end, and McGinlay touched in his eighteenth goal of the season.

SWINDON TOWN (4-3-1-2): F Digby — M Robinson, I Culverhouse, K Horlock, F Darras (sub: G Elkins, 66min) — D Kerslake, W O'Sullivan, K Watson — M Walters (sub: A Smith, 39) — S Cowe, W Allison

BOLTON WANDERERS (4-4-2): G Ward — G Bergsson, C Fairclough, G Taggart, J Phillips — M Johansen (sub: S Green, 55), P Frandsen, J Sheridan, S Sellars — J McGinlay, N Blake

Referee: A D'Urso

# Ashby has hand in conceding share of the spoils

BY WALTER GAMMIE

AN INJURY-TIME penalty by Neil Doherty rescued a point for Kidderminster Harriers, the Vauxhall Conference leaders, in a 1-1 draw against Rushden and Diamonds at Nene Park on Saturday.

Rushden had led from the 39th minute, when Carl Alford, brought down in the penalty area by Kieran Prindiville, stepped up to convert the penalty himself, and were looking good for a notable third home win of their shaky first season in the Conference when Nick Ashby was adjudged to have committed handball in his own area.

"I thought at the time it was harsh," Roger Ashby, the manager, said. "Seeing the video has convinced me it was a very bad decision." Ashby Jr, the manager's son, was sent off for the offence and returned to the changing-room with his own case for the defence.

"It was a bitterly cold day and you could see the red mark on his chest and the top of his shoulder," Ashby, the manager, said. "You could see the imprint of the Spalding sponsored ball — that's how clear-cut it was. He was absolutely distraught about the decision."

Ashby Sr, who holds the appearance record for Kettering, recollects Nick having previously been sent off when he played at Rockingham Road. "I played 30 years or so and was never sent off," Asbhy said. "I suppose that is one up on him — and he is still only 25."

The point that Rushden gained off Kidderminster was one that the manager freely admitted he would have settled for at the start of the afternoon, but it did not come as a surprise. "We've been so inconsistent," he said. "We've played all the sides at the top: Kidderminster, twice, Stevenage and Macclesfield and we've played exceptionally well. You ask their managers and they would wonder how we were a bottom-of-the-table side."

Rushden stayed one place off the relegation places, with Dover Athletic leaping above them and pushing Stalybridge Celtic into the third relegation place after beating them 2-1 at Crabble with a late goal by David Leworthy.

There were hard-earned gains for the bottom two clubs. Hayes won 2-1 at home over Kettering, which opened up a two-point gap on Bath City, who will nevertheless be happy to have scraped a precious point from a 0-0 draw with Stevenage Borough at Twerton Park.

**BASKETBALL:** IRISH IS TARGET AS THAMES VALLEY COACH SEEKS TO STRENGTHEN SQUAD BEFORE TRANSFER DEADLINE

# Arena points way for Tigers to quell Palace uprising

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

THE sudden availability of Colin Irish before the transfer deadline should alert a host of Budweiser League clubs still short of their full complements. Not the least interested of coaches surprised to learn that Irish, the former player-coach of Worthing Bears, has just been cut by Cholet, the French club, was Mick Bett, the Thames Valley Tigers coach.

Bett admitted that he would like nothing more than to have his squad reinforced by Irish, 34, who has sadly proved much less of a success in the French league than Ian White, the England centre now with Besancon.

The snag for Bett is his own club's limitations. Are they competitive enough, he might well wonder, to beat their rivals to the signature of a player who was one of the league's most prolific three-point scorers?

From the way that the Tigers seemingly did their utmost to concede a healthy lead against Crystal Palace on Saturday, it was clear why Bett's squad, in spite of their 102-96 win, needs strengthening. The accuracy of Casey Arena, which brought him five three-pointers among his 35-point haul, helped the Tigers into a 30-17 lead. At half-time, they led 47-45, but then conceded the initiative to Crystal Palace, who had already beaten them once this season.

Leading 83-71, Palace then produced a series of unbelievably poor shots and passes to concede the next 18 points. Amid the excitement was the fraternal shoot-out of the Scantleburys, narrowly won by Richard, of Palace, with 27 points, two more than Peter, the England captain, managed for the Tigers. "Since we won, I'll have the bragging rights over Christmas dinner," Peter said.

London Towers defeated Leicester Riders 102-96 to go joint-top with Sheffield Sharks, thanks to 31 points from Danny Lewis.

The most dramatic finish was at Newcastle, where Birmingham Bullets fell 79-78 to the Eagles, their bogey team. Rob Phelps must have felt that he had cost the Eagles the game with a missed jump shot ten seconds from time, only to shoot the decisive three-pointer on the buzzer. Hemel and Watford Royals, overwhelmed 100-67 at home by Manchester Giants, are still without a win in 19 starts this season.

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CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
In the matter of
WHINNEY MACKAY-LEWIS PLC
And in the matter of the Companies Act 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division Companies Court) dated 11 December 1996 confirming the cancellation of the amount of £673,522 standing to the credit of the share premium account and the amount of £53,907 standing to the credit of the capital redemption reserve of the above-named Company was registered by the *Registrar of Companies* on 18 December 1996.

Dated this 23rd day of December 1996

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The Insolvency Act 1986
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 17th December 1996.
M.R. DORRINGTON, Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF
AUGUST HOLDINGS LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above company in accordance with the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, will be held at Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL on Monday 30 December 1996, at 11.00 am. The purposes of the meeting are to receive statement of affairs and a report on the company from a director and if the creditors wish to do so, to nominate a liquidator and appoint a liquidation committee. A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection at the offices of Price Waterhouse at No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL on 23 December and 24 December 1996.
Proxies for use at the meeting must be returned to Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London, SE1 9QL by 12 noon 27 December 1996 and claims must be made in writing and may be made to the same address.
Dated 16 December 1996.
By Order of the Board
PA Carter - Secretary
Notes
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No. 006689 of 1996
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF
UNITPAGE LIMITED
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated the 18th December 1996 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £9,310,120 to £200 and the Minute approved by the High Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 19th December 1996.
DATED 19th December 1996
FRESHFIELDS of
65 Fleet Street
London EC4Y 1HS
Solicitors for the above-named company

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NET RESULT LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 9th January 1997 at 20 Star Hill, Rochester, Kent at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA, of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who, will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
DATED this 10th day of December 1996
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
D. WIGGLESWORTH
Director

OAKDENE JOINERY LIMITED
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Dated the 29th November 1996
A.W. Floyd
Director

Atlantic Properties (UK) Limited
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Peter S Dunn FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the Creditors on 12th December 1996.
DATED THIS 12TH DECEMBER 1996.
Peter S. Dunn FCA
Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986
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**NETBALL**

# Playing facilities plan holds key to success

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

NETBALL may rarely have been more popular, but such enthusiasm requires underpinning with the sort of playing facilities guaranteed to sustain long-term interest.

Accordingly, the All England Netball Association (AENA) has commissioned a team of consultants to conduct a comprehensive review of the sport's facilities in England.

Knight, Cavanah and Page, a leading national leisure research and management consultancy, will thus make recommendations about minimum standards of provision, along with reasons why, and locations where facilities should be located.

All AENA-affiliated clubs and schools have received detailed questionnaires querying existing training and competition venues, the extent of courts and coaches available to young netballers and coaching standards offered in clubs.

This will enable AENA officials to assess the sport's development against the yardstick of key objectives laid down by the Sports Council's support programme. As Liz Nicholl, the chief executive of AENA, said: "Affordable facilities which are available when required are essential to the expansion and growth of the sport.

"This new national strategy will assist us at AENA, along with regions, counties and leagues. By working with local authorities and schools, they can make their case for the provision and improvement of facilities."

Her message was fully endorsed by Lucy Faukener, the AENA development officer. "A comprehensive response will enable us to make a much stronger case to the Sports Council and the National Lottery Sports Fund to support the development facilities of netball all over England," she said.

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# Abertillery make the most of a striking difference

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BY GERALD DAVIES

THE Welsh Society of Rugby Referees kept its word on Saturday. Its members went on strike. Thirteen referees ignored the call and in consequence 13 matches were played. What else could this grievance be about, in the present mood of the sport, but money? The Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) agree that the officials should be reimbursed, but opinion diverges over the extent. While the governing body accepts that those referees who officiate in the first two divisions should be paid, the society wants all those in the five divisions of the league to be treated equally.

The society's members were not unanimous in pursuing this particular course of action, so, while the majority were conducting a meeting in the deeper recesses of the campus of the University of Wales Institute Cardiff (UWIC), Alan Barham, one of those who was prepared to break ranks was presiding over UWIC's Swalec Cup fifth-round tie on the adjoining pitch. Barham pointed out that, in not supporting his colleagues, his actions should not be interpreted as supporting the WRU.

"I've been under pressure over the past few days from the other referees," he said. "They have wanted me to join them, but I simply could not. For the sake of the game, I do not believe that going on strike is the best way to resolve the problem. There are clubs who cannot afford to go without a game on Saturday — and the players need to play."

The society will meet again with the WRU today to determine whether there can be any agreement.

UWIC and Abertillery were grateful to Barham. The fixture had already been delayed a week because of the number of players from the Institute who had been involved in the match between Wales Under-21 and Natal.

While Barham had been generous, the conditions were not. The wind was strong and bitingly cold and presented uncomfortable conditions. No player would choose to play on the wing on such a day.

Abertillery marshalled the elements better in the first half and, with the wind in their faces, reached the interval only a point adrift, Savastano's two penalty goals being set against Dean Howard's try.

During 20 minutes of intense pressure in the second half, Martin Williams's two penalty goals finally gave them the lead, yet, in the final ten minutes, the students revived and created enough chances to steal the game.

SCORERS: UWIC: Penalty goals: Savastano (2). Abertillery: Try: Howard. Penalty goals: Williams (2).
UWIC: G Tremain; G Still, R Shorney, P Matthews, A Wagstaff, G Vobe, M Sage, A J Richards, B Evans, A Davies, C Webb, C Langley, G Lewis, J Savastano. Tremain replaced by G Bowen (32min), Milward replaced by M Bolton (40); Davies replaced by C Chezchlawcki (40); Still replaced by R Supple (70).
ABERTILLERY: M Williams; D Pitt, F Pennell, A Green, D Howard, P Withers, D Wright, A Oliver, J Wells, P Hamman, D McTravers, J Scrivens, T Edwards, R Gladwyn, G Gladwyn. Oliver replaced by J Crandon (52), Hamman replaced by G Moon (52); Pitt replaced by M Penny (62).
Referee: A Barham (Cardiff).

### Andrew Longmore searches for repercussions from the Smoldon case

# Rugby referees remain whistle-happy

David Beglan probably had better things to do with his Saturday afternoon than to preside over a gathering of 30 rugby players of assorted competence on a blasted heath in a chilling easterly, but, if so, he was not about to advertise the fact. He likes to see himself as the 31st player on the pitch and he had a good game, by all accounts, for all the post-match chuntering of the Haywards Heath 3rd XV scrum half.

"Scrum halves!" he muttered on his return to the referees' cubby-hole and a warming cup of tea. "They're a law unto themselves. You get the odd one who thinks they're God's gift to the game, which is why they're playing for the Thirds, of course."

Beglan is a mild man, bespectacled with a streak of dark hair ringing his bald head like a tidemark, and a nice line in put-downs. He took up refereeing 4½ years ago, at the age of 49, because his sons were involved in the game and his wife started to work on Saturdays.

He thought that he might help out the Sussex Referees Society on the odd Saturday and ended up doing every Saturday, most Sundays and the odd midweek game as well. He coaches Hove Under-19s, has a Pilkington level two referee's qualification, and, had he been sued for negligence by any of the muddied, heaving athletes from Haywards Heath or Warlingham, he was insured for £5 million by the Rugby Football Union. His expenses for the day came to £4.50.

It was not a good week for referees in any sport. Rugby referees in Wales went on strike over pay and the gallant army of amateurs found out that a bad game with the whistle can be measured in millions. Nobody who can walk two paces would begrudge Ben Smoldon a penny of the £1 million that he could be awarded in compensation for the neck injury that has left him paralysed, but the case has brought into focus exactly what duty the referee has to the players in his charge, and how many might consider their Saturday afternoon sacrifice no longer worth the price. I asked Beglan if he was frightened by the possibility of having his competence judged by a court of law.

"Put like that, I suppose the answer is yes," he said, "but that case was in a colts match, which is very different. They are played at quite a high pace and you've got to be ultra-fit to referee them. I think some questions should have been asked of the coaches involved." Smoldon's injury had been suffered in a collapsed scrum, one of "up to 24 in the game", the Appeal Court heard.

"If you want to collapse the scrum, you can," Beglan said, "but you can see the signs of trouble early on. Sometimes, at this level, one prop will be much stronger than his opponent. Then you might have a quiet word in his ear, say: 'Look, you can push this scrum around all afternoon, but what's the point?' and hope he gets the message. Most of them have work to go to on Monday morning, so they don't want to be injured."

So far, the Sussex Referees Society has not suffered any noticeable drain on its already stretched resources because of the Smoldon case. "A couple of refs have said they do not want to do colts matches," Peter Atthis, the secretary of the society, said. "The main problem is social. People don't want to give up so much of their time. The game is also getting faster and refs are retiring earlier. Those are more significant factors than a legal ruling."

At the monthly meeting of the society, Atthis has tried to stress the positive aspects of the judgment. "The RFU has been taking steps to address the problem anyway, but what we are saying to referees is that you have been given more responsibility on the pitch, it is up to you to use it properly," he said. "It's a two-edged sword."

## 'The game is faster, refs retire earlier. Those are more significant factors than legal rulings'

In a game as complex as rugby, the referee still has to rely on the goodwill and common sense of the players, particularly at the lower levels. Beglan's style of refereeing, more democratic than authoritarian, is ideal for the Third XVs, but would be too soft for the sharper, competitive instincts of the league. "If you blew for every offence in the Thirds, you'd not get much of a game," he said.

In the bar afterwards, Patch Leaney, the Haywards Heath Third XV prop, a bearded veteran playing out his time for fun, has enjoyed his afternoon. "Yeah, we had a good game," he said. "Warlingham aren't too aggressive. What were there, one or two punches thrown? That's pretty civilised. Ninety-five per cent of the time it's all right. The problems come when you get the younger ones, who look at you and think: 'Hey, he's got grey hair, we'll have a go at him.' Then you have to sort it out."

Leaney's sore neck bears testimony to 24 years of front-row combat. He can protect himself, mostly, but looks to the referee to watch his back. "If my head's at the bottom of a ruck, he has to look out for studs flying in that I can't see," he said. "You have to rely on the ref for that. On the whole, you just want the ref to apply the laws of the game." In the Smoldon case, Leaney reckoned, he did not: "If it was 30-odd collapsed scrums, then he should have done something about it."

Apart from the Warlingham full back, who dislocated a thumb catching a high ball and was under the surgeon's knife by nightfall, the only medical risk was hypothermia as the sides slogged it out against the wind. Warlingham won 17-13, but that was hardly the point. "There was one little word of dissent from a Warlingham player," Beglan said, "but that was it. I gave a ten-metre penalty and his own side told him to shut up. We had a little laugh about it later. I enjoyed it. I feel I'm putting something back into the game, you see."

Still putting something back into the game, Beglan makes his point to a Haywards Heath 3rd XV player on Saturday. Photograph: Adrian Sherratt

# Herrington ensures justice for spirited Caledonia

Caledonia Reds ............ 26
Scottish Borders ............ 26

BY MARK SOUSTER

HEAVY overnight frost forced both opening matches in the Scottish inter-district championship — which is also the qualifying tournament for the European Cup — to be switched yesterday to Murrayfield, where the undersoil heating ensured that Caledonia Reds against Scottish Borders and Edinburgh versus Glasgow went ahead as a double-header.

Although lack of a crowd lent a surreal atmosphere to proceedings, the rugby was certainly a step up in intensity from club level and a thrilling finish to the opening match went some way towards making up for some scrappy play, with the ball often lost in contact and constructive back skills at a premium.

Borders lost Chalmers, their playmaker, before the start, with a groin strain, which reduced the Melrose contingent to six, but their cohesion ensured that Borders had a smoother look about them.

Caledonia relied more on grit and determination, showing a will to win empitomised by McIvor, their captain. Heart, though, too often ruled head and their cause was not helped by a fractured link between the back row and Simpson, the scrum half.

Borders got the first try after 30 minutes when Turnbull, the full back, acted as decoy, and Stanger took Welsh's miss pass on the burst to score. Parker converted to leave Borders 16-6 ahead at half-time.

They were looking to extend their lead when Caledonia hit them with a counter-attack. Welsh's attempted dropped goal hit an upright, but Burns opted for adventure rather than kick to safety. A minute and several recycled phases later, Longstaff was crossing the Borders line for a well-merited try.

Borders scored what looked certain to be a decisive try through Welsh, only for Caledonia to dig even deeper and Herrington crossed for a try, converted by McKenzie, that ensured that honours were shared.

SCORERS: Caledonia Reds: Tries: Longstaff, Herrington. Conversions: M McKenzie (2). Penalty goals: M McKenzie (4). Scottish Borders: Tries: Stanger, Welsh. Conversions: Parker (2). Penalty goals: Parker (4).
CALEDONIA REDS: S Burns (Edinburgh Academicals); S Longstaff (Dundee HSFP), P Rouse (Dundee HSFP), A Carruthers (Kirkcaldy), J Kerr (Watsonians); M McKenzie (Stirling County), P Simpson (Edinburgh Academicals); T Smith (Watsonians), K McKenzie (Stirling County), D Herrington (Kirkcaldy), D McIvor (Glenrothes, captain), S Campbell (Melrose), S Grimes (Watsonians), G Flockhart (Stirling County), M Waite (Edinburgh Academicals).
SCOTTISH BORDERS: C Turnbull (Hawick); M Changleng (Gala), A Stanger (Hawick), S Nichol (Melrose), G Parker (Melrose); S Welsh (Hawick), B Redpath (Melrose, captain); N McIlroy (Jed-Forest), S Brotherstone (Melrose), S Ferguson (Peebles), S Bennet (Kelso), S Aitken (Melrose), C Hogg (Melrose), N Broughton (Melrose), R Kirkpatrick (Boroughmuir). Broughton replaced by I Elliot (Hawick, 35min); Stanger replaced by G Aitchison (Kelso, 50).

☐ David Johnston, the coach to the Scotland backs, yesterday called for an independent commission to be set up to examine the administration of Scottish rugby. Johnston does not believe that, off the field, the Scotish Rugby Union has kept up with the pace of change and the needs of the professional game.

# Spirited Reading draw consolation from defeat

Bracken: solo try

Reading ............ 3
Saracens ............ 41

BY ALISON KERVIN

THE enduring magic and wonder of cup rugby was embodied in an almost surreal mismatch encounter between Reading and Saracens on Saturday.

Never, in Reading's 98-year history, had the supporters seen anything like it: they stood back and watched in awe and amazement as Saracens arrived with all their dazzling international players in tow. Philippe Sella, the world's most capped player, walked sheepishly past Reading supporters who had been praying all week for one of sport's most rare and beautiful moments, a giant-killer game.

Alas, there was no such result for them to delight in, but, around the dinner table, at parties and in pubs all over Christmas, Reading players will surely be recounting tales of how they tackled Michael Lynagh, how they flattened Sella in attack and how they sneaked the ball from Tony Copsey in the lineout.

Lee Fanning, the Reading captain, 24 and with all the raw talent to make it to the top, led his team by example: making breaks, fighting hard in defence and galvanising team spirit. Andre Bachelet and Mark Scharrenberg, the United States players, are worthy of mention; they are the only two professionals at the club and looked extremely useful. Tom Ellis tackled his heart out along with Ian Armstrong, a long-time Reading player.

Yet, for all Reading's determination, it was Saracens' faster, fitter and more professional players who dominated all areas of the game. Their first score came from Tunningley: then Wallace, who had an outstanding game at prop, went over from a lineout. Ebongalame showed his astonishing pace to make it three before a penalty try took them to half-time.

Just a minute into the second half Ebongalame went over again, then the match evened out with Reading fighting hard to contain Saracens for much of the half. Reading's only points came from a penalty goal by Bachelet, but Saracens could not be held back entirely. Lynagh, who really shaped the whole game for Saracens, sent a long pass out to put Kebbie over and, in added time, Bracken ran 50 yards for a solo try.

Reading, though disappointed to be out of the competition so conclusively, should feel flattered that Saracens arrived with such an immense array of talent. They should also feel pleased at some dynamic individual performances and the sheer guts of the team effort.

Mike Tewkesbury, the Reading director of rugby, said: "When you look at Saracens and what they have achieved, and think that they were a club just like us not too long ago, it gives you confidence. You realise that it is possible for any club to get right to the top."

SCORERS: Reading: Penalty goal: Bachelet. Saracens: Tries: Tunningley, Wallace, Ebongalame (2), Kebbie, Bracken, penalty try. Conversions: Lynagh (3).
READING: L Fanning; P Hopkins, M Scharrenberg, D Barrett, T Ellis; J Costeloe, A Bachelet; P Guttridge, S Perkin, G Anstead, P Neary, M Vatcher, R Dow, I Armstrong, M Hart. Hopkins replaced by M Kemp (58min), Neary replaced by G Spark (67).
SARACENS: A Tunningley; B Kebbie, P Sella, S Ravenscroft, M Ebongalame; M Lynagh, K Bracken; A Olver, C Olney, P Wallace, G Clark, P Johns, A Copsey, R Hill, A Diprose. Copsey replaced by M Borrow (61min).
Referee: R Goodliffe (Yorkshire).

# Redmond leads rout of Cornish invaders

Thanet Wanderers ............ 29
St Ives ............ 12

BY BARRY TROWBRIDGE

IT IS not often that rugby supporters from Cornwall cross into England and fail to provide their XV with anything less than an overwhelming "home" support, yet that was exactly the scenario at Broadstairs on Saturday as Thanet Wanderers, whose followers warmed to their task as the game wore on, deservedly took their place in the last 16 of the Intermediate Cup.

Although St Ives play their league rugby a level higher than Thanet, in South West I, a lack of confidence and a road journey of only coppers short of 400 miles left them easy meat for their rampant hosts from deepest northeast Kent.

With a stand-off half, Mike Pond, who hit long touches with awesome regularity, a back row that worked as a unit and centres who seemed to be battling for the *same* cause (all in stark contrast to recent England performances), Thanet shrugged off the inconvenience of losing two of their front row to injury and will go into 1997 knowing that the final at Twickenham, on May 3, is well within their compass.

Their match-winner, however, filled none of these key positions — it was Gareth Redmond, at full back. Unsure, from his place kicking action, whether he is a man of the Nineties or a throwback to the days of Bob Hiller, Redmond kicks "round the corner" with the ball in a torpedo position, yet performed with a remarkably high success rate, while his forays into the line always looked capable of creating a score.

With 33 minutes gone, Redmond set up Mario Meyer, as Thanet swept the ball home from 45 metres out. Chris Marson, after 57 minutes, and Dean Langley, after 76, added tries to seal the victory.

SCORERS: Thanet Wanderers: Tries: Meyer, Marson, Langley. Conversion: Redmond. Penalty goals: Redmond (4). St Ives: Tries: Atkinson, A Perkin. Conversion: Peters.
THANET WANDERERS: G Redmond; G Shewell, J Harvey, P Macaulay, M Meyer; M Pond, J Ward; R Guild, C Smith, T Carter, A Michael, G Hingley, P Hughes, C Marson, S Harris. Smith replaced by M Ivel (42min); Guild replaced by D Langley (68).
ST IVES: B Gibson; M Curnow, A Chilcott, W Stevens, A Perkin; W Peters, M Smith; A Hodson, J Parkin, S Jarvis, J Trewin, A Price, B Rouncefield, N Lally, J Atkinson. Trewin replaced by N Rowe (40); Smith replaced by C Dunn (79); Jarvis replaced by H Spees (79).
Referee: S Hardcastle (London).

# Newcastle take step forward

Newcastle ............ 51
West Hartlepool ............ 10

BY ALAN WALTERS

NEWCASTLE confirmed themselves as the top side in the North East with an emphatic seven-try victory over West Hartlepool in the fifth round of the Pilkington Cup yesterday. Rob Andrew, the Newcastle director of rugby, described the performance, in front of a record crowd of 4,665 at Kingston Park, as "our best of the season".

He said: "After such a long lay-off, it was a big game for us and that was a tough battle. I thought we coped with West very well. The future for North East rugby is certainly for us to play on a Sunday. I think that was proved today."

Newcastle lost Peter Walton, the Scotland flanker, with a badly cut head and Mark Ring, the West player coach, had to be led from the field after dislocating his shoulder. This was a huge physical contest and Ring said: "We were totally blown away up front. They were superbly organised and Gary Armstrong was magnificent at the base of the scrum."

Armstrong and Tony Underwood scored two tries each as Newcastle ran the ball at every opportunity. They were 23-10 up at half-time after scoring at the rate of a point a minute in the first quarter.

Andrew kicked a fourth-minute penalty goal before John Bentley stepped outside Steve John for a try in the corner in the eighth minute. John Stabler pulled three points back in the eleventh minute, but Armstrong grabbed the first of two tries from close range. Andrew converted and kicked a penalty goal.

Matt Silva, the West full back, scored an excellent try from a five-metre scrum, which Stabler converted, to give West a glimmer of hope, but then Doddie Weir, the Scotland lock, forced his way over just before half-time.

Armstrong took a quick tapped penalty to score under the posts: Andrew converted. Three minutes later the West pack, under increasing pressure, collapsed the scrum and Tony Spreadbury, the referee, awarded a penalty try, which Andrew converted.

There was still time for Underwood to score twice in a 15-minute period. The first was a straightforward score, as Matt Tetlow came into the line from full back; the second saw Underwood cut through the whole of the West pack to score under the posts. Andrew converted both.

Armstrong: two tries

SCORERS: Newcastle: Tries: Bentley, Armstrong (2), Underwood (2), Weir, penalty try. Conversions: Andrew (5). Penalty goals: Andrew (2). West Hartlepool: Try: Silva. Conversion: Stabler. Penalty goal: Stabler.
NEWCASTLE: M Tetlow; J Bentley, A Tait, G Childs, T Underwood; R Andrew, G Armstrong; N Popplewell, R Nesdale, G Graham, G Archer, G Weir, P Walton, S O'Neill, D Ryan. Walton replaced by N Frankland (11min); Underwood replaced by R Wilkinson (70).
WEST HARTLEPOOL: M Silva; M Wood, J Connolly, M Ring, S John; J Stabler, M Roderick; W de Jonge, A Peacock, P Whitelock, C Murphy, K Moseley, J Ions, R Earnshaw, I Morgan. Wood replaced by G Cordale (70); Ring replaced by M Wood (75).
Referee: A Spreadbury (Somerset).

# Blackheath get off lightly

Bristol ............ 60
Blackheath ............ 17

BY BARNEY SPENDER

RUGBY enjoys little of football's giant-killing pedigree and yesterday, after a brief glimpse of an upset, Bristol, from the first division, duly dispatched Blackheath, from the second, in the fifth round of the Pilkington Cup at the Memorial Ground. Bristol may be in the lower echelons of the upper league, but they are wholly professional and, despite Blackheath's wholehearted efforts, that inevitably shone through.

The Bristol front row won the battle in the tight while Simon Shaw and Phil Adams, back in the second row after missing eight games through injury, dominated the lineout.

This brought a constant supply of ball, resulting in nine Bristol tries, which looks good on paper, but there is a good case for suggesting that there ought to have been more. Some poor decision making and the kind of handling more usually found on the volleyball court led to numerous wasted chances.

For 20 minutes it was an even, if helter-skelter, contest as Blackheath matched Bristol for aggression, invention and errors, taking the lead in the fourth minute. An interception on his own 22 gave Gallagher, the veteran All Black, the head start that he needed to beat Tiueti and Hull in an 80-metre dash to the line.

Bristol struck back with a penalty goal by Burke and a try from Regan, who must be aware that his England hooking berth is under increasing threat from Phil Greening, the Gloucester No 2. Regan's try was the cue for a glorious sweeping Blackheath movement that saw the ball flipped through a dozen pairs of hands before Howard, the stand-off, went over in the right-hand corner.

That try gave Blackheath a 10-8 lead, but, once Burke, whose 21 points were a new Bristol record for the tournament, had gone over for the first of his two tries, the game turned into a procession in the direction of the Blackheath try-line.

At half-time Bristol led 29-10 and they then killed off the game within five minutes of the restart with scores from Barrow and Tiueti.

Ekoku pounced on a Bristol error to notch Blackkheath's third try, but was later fortunate to stay on the field when he aimed a head-butt at Breeze, who had the last word, taking advantage of an exhausted defence to run in two late tries.

Burke: club record

SCORERS: Bristol: Tries: Burke (2), Tiueti (2), Breeze (2), Regan, Hinkins, Barrow. Conversions: Burke (4), Tainton (2). Penalty goal: Burke. Blackheath: Tries: Gallagher, Howard, Ekoku. Conversions: Howard.
BRISTOL: P Hull; D Tiueti, S Martin, M Denney, B Breeze; P Burke, D Dewdney; A Sharp, M Regan, D Hinkins, D Corkery, S Shaw, P Adams, S Filali, C Barrow. Burke replaced by M Tainton (55min); Barrow replaced by N Temperley (55); Regan replaced by B McConnell (80).
BLACKHEATH: J Gallagher; A Ekoku, D Fitzgerald, O Coyne, M Hanslip; S Howard, S Walsh; G Holmes, C Ridgeway, J Taylor, C Wilkins, M Skrypec, S Shortland, M Russell, M Harris. Skrypec replaced by D Walton (54).
Referee: A Bossell (Liverpool).

**RUGBY UNION:** FORMER ENGLAND HOOKER UNHAPPY AS DISMISSAL COSTS RICHMOND A FIRST DIVISION SCALP

# Sale the merrier as Moore awaits verdict

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| Sale | 34 |
| Richmond | 30 |

By David Hands
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WHETHER or not Brian Moore contests any ban that may follow the dismissal that he suffered on Saturday, nothing will put Richmond back into the hat for the draw for the sixth round of the Pilkington Cup today. Yet, what they have learnt from the exciting but severely-flawed contest with Sale at Heywood Road should serve them well in their crusade for promotion to the first division this season.

Had Moore, the former England hooker, remained on the pitch, Richmond would surely have beaten one of England's top six clubs and proved to any doubters that money has made them a formidable force. They would have played the final quarter at full strength and the presence of an extra back-row forward might have prevented David Rees from scoring the try that put Sale back into a tie that was moving rapidly away from them.

It was one of three critical decisions made by Chris White, all of which went Sale's way on a day when they scarcely deserved it. Yet White had no doubt about their validity: a penalty try in the first half allowed Sale to look upwards from the abyss of a 19-3 deficit; Moore's dismissal for dangerous use of the feet imbalanced the teams; and an off-the-ball scruffle between Adrian Hadley and Jim Fallon was awarded Hadley's way and allowed Simon Mannix to kick the points that edged Sale ahead a minute from time.

The penalty try was awarded for a high tackle on Mannix by Adrian Boyd only a couple of metres away from the referee; the dismissal, again, was under the official's nose after he already had his hand raised for a penalty to Richmond for a collapsed maul. Moore, in possession, continued to drive over a recumbent Sale forward and White reached for the red card.

Moore's reaction was one of incredulity, while his club will consider, probably today, whether they need to take action themselves. The mandatory punishment is a 60-day suspension, but Moore said that "in the circumstances, I would consider fighting that. It was no 60-day offence." He makes the point that players in the southern hemisphere do not contest lost causes and the game is better for it, but, until players in Great Britain adopt the same approach, referees will continue to take such action.

"Brian has been fantastic for us this year," John Kingston, the Richmond director of coaching, said. "He is a major reason why the team spirit is as high as it is."

During Kingston's 2½ years as chief coach, Richmond's seniors have not received a yellow card, never mind a red one, and he feels that good discipline is one of the side's great attributes.

John Mitchell, the Sale coach, admitted that he had seen far worse than this offence in his native New Zealand. "If a person is deliberately killing the ball, he must be rucked away," Mitchell said, agreeing that Moore's departure was critical. It forced Richmond to remove Paul Carr, their lock, so that Andy Cuthbert could take the field to hook, and Ben Clarke moved into the second row. Since Rees's try, well-taken though it was, came from a set scrum, the lack of cover needs no elucidation.

In the first quarter, Sale had done everything possible to throw the game away. A popped-up pass by Dewi Morris gave Andy Moore the easiest of interception tries; Beim, standing in at full back for Jim Mallinder (absent with influenza), ran himself into trouble and conceded a penalty; offside and lineout obstruction created two more and Mason kicked the goals.

Much of the first half resembled nothing more than a game of rugby league played by rugby union clubs (five of the participants have played the other code), with all the lack of variety that implies. Though Sale turned round only 22-16 down, they found Richmond in imperious mood, running incisively against them so that Quinnell and Hutton were able to send Mason over for a second try.

Yates bullocked his way over from a tapped penalty, but Mason's sixth penalty goal gave Richmond a nine-point cushion. "In the period after half-time, Richmond played the new laws just the way they should be played," Mitchell said. "Possibly after Moore was sent off, they went into their shells a bit. It has been difficult getting through to the team that the scrum is the best attacking platform under the new laws."

Certainly, this was a game of far more scrums than lineouts, which speaks volumes for both teams' ability to recycle ball though not necessarily their good use of it. Yet cometh the hour ... Rees, 22, the wing whose season has been haunted by a back injury and hamstring problems, replaced the injured Devereux and received almost his first touch of the ball when Erskine and Dewi Morris broke from a scrum. Rees cut back inside his scrum half, swerved through the cover in the manner that has earned him the soubriquet of "Billy Whiz" and veered outside Mason to the posts. Mannix converted and his penalty goal, after Fallon was perceived to have offered the first punch in his wrestling contest with Hadley, gave Sale the lead.

Even then, 14-man Richmond forced their way into a position from which Mason could drop for goal, but Mannix charged down the attempt and added insult to injury by kicking the penalty goal when West was ruled offside at the other end in exactly the same circumstances.

SCORERS: Sale: Tries: Yates, Rees, penalty try Conversions: Mannix (2). Penalty goals: Mannix (5) Richmond: Tries: A Moore, Mason Conversion: Mason Penalty goals: Mason (6).

SALE: T Beim; C Yates, J Baxendell, J Devereux, A Hadley; S Mannix, D Morris; P Smith, S Diamond, A Smith, N Ashurst, D Baldwin, J Fowler, A Morris, D Erskine. Devereux replaced by D Rees (70min); A Morris replaced by D O'Grady (75)

RICHMOND: S Mason; J Fallon, A Bateman, M Hutton, S Brown; A Boyd, A Moore; C Clark, B Moore, D Crompton, A Vander, P Carr, R West, B Clarke, S Quinnell. Carr replaced by A Cuthbert (63). Referee: C White (Gloucester)

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Yates keeps Sale in touch against Richmond at Heywood Road on Saturday, with a try from a tapped penalty early in the second half

Mannix celebrates his late conversion for Sale

# Orrell go to extra lengths t secure progress

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| Orrell | |
| Bedford | |

By Michael Aylwin

IT IS difficult to know w. to start in describing extraordinary Pilkington tie. Orrell won, but that h ly tells the whole story doing so they continue revival begun a fortnight with their first league wi the season, against Hartlepool. How long can sustain this improve remains to be seen. were less than convin against their visitors from second division on Satur

Nevertheless, they won game late in extra time, ing been reduced to 14 me the 48th minute. Rich Higgs, the open-side flan was controversially sent for an off-the-ball inci with Ian Skingsley, the ford No 8. Skingsley lucky not to go with him, he was immediately repla anyway by Junior Param who had been stuck in tr on the M6.

Paramore's introduct along with that of S McCurrie, the rampag hooker, shortly afterw served as a vigorous filli Bedford's approach work twice they had seemingly the match. Victory was ini ly denied by the last kic normal time, with which Hitchmough landed a pen goal to bring Orrell leve 19-19 and prolong an er strewn match.

Bedford seemed to have game won again early in e time with tries from Ma Offiah, who had an otherw miserable afternoon, and Whetstone, which opened a 31-22 lead, yet Hitchmo had by then given Orrell w proved to be the decisive e when he kicked a sin penalty goal. Paul Ha further closed the gap w he went in under the p after some poor Bedford fending at the end of the period, and the *coup de g* was applied by the vete Nigel Heslop mid through the second perio

Paul Turner, the Bedf player-coach who had b taken out of the game by a tackle in the sixth minute, exasperated at how care his team had been with lead, while Peter Willia the Orrell coach, felt that should have won in the 80 minutes. In truth, nei side was particularly wo of a win, they were both sc from perfect: but it was s spectacle, nonetheless.

ORRELL: Tries: Angelsea, Hamer, He Conversions: Hitchmough (2) Pe goals: Hitchmough (3) Dropped g McCarthy, Hamer. Bedford: Tries: M Offiah, Whetstone. Conversions: Raye Penalty goals: Rayer (4).

ORRELL: S Taberner; N Heslop, D Ly Turgamala, R Hitchmough, M McCart Cook; P Ledson, A Moffat, S Turn Bennett, C Cusani, P Rees, R Hig Angelsea. McCarthy replaced by P H (39min); Taberner replaced by Saverimutto (41); Cusani replaced Brierley (79)

BEDFORD: M Rayer; P Hewitt, B stone, M Pechey, M Offiah; P Turn Hyde; S Brown, P Simmonds, J Prob Winters, R White, S Murray, M Pep Skingsley. Turner replaced by M Olive Skingsley replaced by J Paramore Simmonds replaced by S McCurrie (5

Referee: S Piercy (Yorkshire)

# Cheltenham put on country style

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| Harlequins | 47 |
| Cheltenham | 11 |

By Peter Bills

GIANTS against minnows, Pilkington Cup fifth round. The top guns, lucky souls, even get a cushy home tie against the unknowns from the country. Easy, easy.

Harlequins were never in danger of losing this tie at the freezing Stoop, or, rather, the new Stoop. The £5 million East Stand was fully operational for the first time and the cosy hospitality boxes, with their food, drinks and colour televisions, looked splendidly warm and inviting.

Outside, in a wind that had "made in the Arctic" stamped upon it, Harlequins scored nine tries to one. This was no sad day or dismal performance by the men from Cheltenham, however.

Indeed, convincing proof that the heart of English rugby continues to beat strongly in the shires was offered by Cheltenham. This was their cup final and they enjoyed it to the last. Six coach-loads of noisy supporters made their presence felt. The players were applauded off by all at the end and then returned by popular request for another bow. They deserved it, too.

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That Harlequins inhabit another world is manifestly apparent, but not once did Cheltenham tug the forelock in acknowledgement of their esteemed opponents. The splendidly combative back row of Buxton, Morris and Masters tackled every opponent they could reach.

Oakey, too, battled diligently and the midfield put in more tackles on those famous Harlequin names than the likes of Gloucester, London Irish and Orrell in earlier league matches.

Pace told in the end, and the craft of Paul and Connolly, the rugby league duo, was decisive in creating scoring opportunities, O'Leary being the main beneficiary, with four.

Cheltenham, led by Preedy, the former Gloucester and England prop, kept on raising their game. They started much the better, lifted themselves when an avalanche threatened at 37-6 with almost half an hour remaining, and then finished the stronger. That took some doing against professional players who train full time. The series of injuries that Harlequins suffered after half-time clearly disrupted them, however. With Leonard at lock and Wood briefly in the back row, the Harlequins pack resembled a jigsaw with all its pieces deliberately out of place.

Nevertheless, Andy Cushing, the Cheltenham coach, rightly praised his players' efforts and was looking forward to a lively party at a West Country inn on the way home. "We stuck at it and some of our tackling was outstanding," he said. "We mauled a lot more tidily than them in the first half.

"It was a very spirited performance which will give us confidence in our building process. We learnt that we are capable of playing better rugby than division four south level, but we also learnt that the higher up you go the more your mistakes are punished. Harlequins' handling and pace on the ball was much quicker than ours, too."

Harlequins established a 27-3 lead with the icy wind behind them in the first half. After Preedy had been within three yards of the Harlequins line in an early Cheltenham attack, Connolly scored twice in 11 minutes and Paul scored himself before making O'Leary's first try.

Pilgrim could make nothing of the swirling wind, but, after Watts's second penalty goal, Harlequins added four further tries, three by O'Leary.

Cheltenham's spirit was rewarded when the forwards splintered off a maul and put Mudway, the scrum half, over for a loudly proclaimed try.

SCORERS: Harlequins: Tries: O'Leary (4), Connolly (2), Pilgrim, Paul, Luger. Conversion: Pilgrim. Cheltenham: Try: Mudway Penalty goals: Watts (2)

HARLEQUINS: S Pilgrim; D O'Leary, P Mensah, G Connolly, D Luger; R Paul, N Walshe; L Bénézech, K Wood, A Mullins, R Jenkins, A Snow, G Llewellyn, L Cabannes, W Davison. Jenkins replaced by H Brown (60min); Walshe replaced by H Harries (64); Snow replaced by J Leonard (64); Wood replaced by C Wright (72)

CHELTENHAM: P Stanleke; J Davies, M Watts, I Turner, D Morgan; M Crisp, M Mudway; M Preedy, S Ratcliffe, R Phillips, P Buxton, T Clink, L Oakey, J Morris, S Masters. Davies replaced by R Oldham (5).

Referee: S Savage (Warwickshire).

# Mapletoft hoping to move in at No 10

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| Gloucester | 55 |
| Leeds | 20 |

By Bryan Stiles

MARK MAPLETOFT scents success and is in a hurry to achieve it. After missing almost two seasons with a troublesome knee injury, he has been making great strides this season. He added to his growing reputation on Saturday by collecting 30 points for Gloucester in this Pilkington Cup fifth-round game.

Having recently played for England A, he must be ranked among the best half-dozen stand-off halves in the country, even though he has played in the position only 16 times for his club.

With the England No 10 position producing such animated debate, anyone provoking such flattering headlines as Mapletoft must be taken seriously. His displays have drawn criticism, however, particularly about his decision-making and his tactical kicking.

One of his strongest supporters — and critics — is Richard Hill, his club's director of rugby. "I was cursing him in the first half," Hill said. "He drives you mad at times with what he does, but we knew he would do something, and he did; he scored two unorthodox tries. He is getting better and he has this wonderful flair, but he is very inexperienced."

Hill clearly does not want to see one of his blossoming players wilting under any effort to rush him to the top too quickly. Mapletoft had an error-strewn first 20 minutes against a lively Leeds side who operate in the third division of the Courage Clubs Championship, two levels below Gloucester. He had more than made up for that well before the end. He startled the opposition by encouraging the un-Gloucester-like tactic of starting attacks from inside their own 22.

The Gloucester supporters, fed on the raw meat of forward battles over the years at Kingsholm, must have been a little bemused, but still managed to applaud. Hill is certainly changing Gloucester's ways. Here they were clearly the more proficient team for most of the game, their extra speed and power paving the way for a shoal of points, but Leeds battled hard, even when the tide of cherry and white poured over them in the final quarter.

The Leeds pack was led by Phil Davies, that redoubtable Wales lock, who added a touch of steel to the forward exchanges and did his share of ball stealing in the lineout.

Leeds's only scores in the first half were two penalty goals by Ainscough in answer to three from Mapletoft and tries from Lloyd and Sims, which gave Gloucester a 21-6 lead at the interval. Leeds's hopes soared when the scores narrowed to 29-20, but Gloucester developed an attacking rhythm that they could not resist.

The highlights of the spree were two individual tries by Mapletoft. His first came when he saw the action moving to the right and took off on a huge loop to the left. The other arrived when he rounded off a piercing attack by chipping over the defence and beating everyone to the touchdown.

SCORERS: Gloucester: Tries: Lloyd (2), Sims, Benton, Mapletoft (2), Glanville. Conversions: Mapletoft (4). Penalty goals: Mapletoft (4). Leeds: Morgan, penalty try Conversions: Tupuiotu (2) Penalty goals: Ainscough (2)

GLOUCESTER: C Catling; M Peters, D Caskie, M Roberts, M Lloyd; M Mapletoft, S Benton; A Windo, P Greening, A Deacon, P Glanville, R Fidler, D Sims, I Smith, S Devereux.

LEEDS: S Tupuiotu; R Mathias, D Edwards, P Johnson, M Appleson, G Ainscough, M Cawthorn, G Baldwin, M Luffman, M Shelley, N Green, P Davies, C Radacanu, P Griffin, J Ashcroft. Ainscough replaced by R Morgan (40min)

Referee: T Fisher (Manchester)

# Guscott lifts storm clouds

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| Bath | 33 |
| London Irish | 0 |

By John Hopkins

THERE was no edge to this Pilkington Cup fifth round match at all. It was shapeless, rather drab and ultimately saved from disappearing into the mists of the memory by the intense cold and flashes of brilliance from Jeremy Guscott. Perhaps the fact that there was no edge on the pitch was just as well because Bath have enough going on off it for the time being.

The length of Bath's injury list is the least of their worries. Six internationals, including Phil de Glanville and Mike Catt, were unavailable because of injury. It says much for Bath, the Cup holders, that, even with so many absentees, they prevented London Irish from scoring any points, as well as running in five tries themselves.

More worrying for Bath, however, are the repercussions of a fracas in a local wine bar after the stunning victory over Harlequins on December 7. Celebrations allegedly ended with the police being called and one player clambering on to the top of a police car and then racing off into the night when faced with arrest. In a separate incident John Hall, the director of rugby, was arrested and has been released on police bail until January 17.

More worrying than that is the fact that the controversy surrounding Brian Ashton, the club's coach, drags on. The first question asked about Bath on Saturday evening was whether they had beaten London Irish and the answer was obviously a resounding yes. Hall put it rather well when he said that Guscott "had turned their pressure into our points", which is the sort of thing that Bath do better than any other club.

The second question was about Ashton, the much admired coach. "Brian is still part of the club," Hall, who is a central figure in this issue, said. "He is on holiday and remains so until the end of the week. I am optimistic he will still be part of the club when he returns from holiday at the end of next week."

Perhaps it is surprising in view of all this that Bath played as well as they did. Yet there is no reason why a club as well organised and with as many outstanding players as Bath cannot cope without their coach for a couple of weeks. All they need do is turn to some of the senior players and work out how to play, and this is what happened last week. Andy Robinson and Jon Callard did most of the planning with some input from Hall.

They did not play particularly well, though. It was 12-0 after nearly 70 minutes and Willie Anderson, the director of rugby at London Irish, felt that, until then, his side had done almost all he expected of them. They had held Bath to two tries and had put them under fierce pressure for ten minutes after half-time when Bath were unable to get out of their own 22.

This passage of play, though, summed up the difference between the teams. Bath defended well and then, the moment they relieved the pressure, they scored. They created situations from which Guscott, with his silky running, could score his three tries. London Irish have a long way to go.

SCORERS: Bath: Tries: Guscott (3) Sleightholme, Perry. Conversions: Callard (4).

BATH: J Callard; J Robinson, M Perry, J Guscott, J Sleightholme; R Butland, I Sanders; D Hilton, G French, V Ubogu, N Thomas, M Haag, N Redman, D Lyle, S Ojomoh. Hilton replaced by J Mallett (78min)

LONDON IRISH: C O'Shea, N Woods, R Henderson, P Flood, J Bishop; S Burns, P Richards; L Mooney, R Kellam, G Halpin, K O'Connell, M O'Kelly, J Davidson, K Dawson, B Walsh

Referee: E Morrison (Bristol)

Guscott: silky running

# Preston fall to late barrag

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| Preston Grasshoppers | 11 |
| Northampton | 40 |

By Christopher Irvine

THERE are lies, statistics and the odd damned winning margin. Not even the Northampton supporter knocking back the alfresco hot toddies at a frozen Lightfoot Green could penetrate his drunken haze and believe that the scoreboard on Saturday bore any resemblance to the truth.

Northampton pulled Preston apart at the finish — cruelty to Grasshoppers, you could call it — but, until a stampede of 21 points in the last 11 minutes, the team three leagues below their illustrious opponents had set a trap from which escape looked unlikely, until Northampton's survival instinct finally took over.

Ahead by 11-5 at the break, Preston dallied with the notion of their name in the draw today for the sixth round of the Pilkington Cup. However, a dangerous assumption had, within two minutes of the restart, become a hopeless pursuit as Northampton got in front and then consolidated Gregor Townsend's decisive try with a belated flourish.

Even when Nick Beal stepped off either foot for the last and easily the best of Northampton's six tries, self-congratulation was conspicuously absent. Beal's second score and Paul Grayson's fifth conversion on the ground where he learnt his rugby could not disguise just how uncomfortable Preston had made their afternoon.

Only the perpetual dynamism of Tatupu, the scorer of Northampton's only try in a woebegone first half, spared an anonymous back row deserved punishment. Tim Rodber's hapless tackling, poor positional play and general indecision have been exposed recently at international level. Here, the problems were exposed by junior opposition from the fourth division north, who also succeeded in keeping Pountney, one of the best young open-side flankers in the country, quiet.

From Grayson, whom Preston converted from a footballer at Accrington Stanley after he turned up at the Grasshoppers' clubhouse for a drink, there had been fair warning. Opposite him at stand-off half on Saturday, Steve Kerry, a returnee from eight years rugby league, offered m touches and variety initia including a crash ball m with the lively Chesworth opened up the Northamp defence for Ian Ashton score.

Kerry, however, found Grayson was the more home with the caprici winds at Preston's expo ground. A straightforw missed kick, Kerry's fou cost Preston the lead fo second time. Townsend's his one effective contributi was simplicity itself fron lineout, one area where No ampton were untroubled, was the incentive that required.

Although unproductive, last attack belonged, appro ately, to Preston, even thou Northampton's greater fitn had by then exacted a he toll. Phillips and Beal e scored from tapped penal and again in open play. On scoreboard, Preston had b well beaten, but a crowd 3,000 knew otherwise showed their appreciation.

SCORERS: Preston Grasshoppers: Ashton Penalty goals: Kerry (2) N ampton: Tries: Phillips (2), Beal (2) Ta Townsend Conversions: Grayson (5)

PRESTON GRASSHOPPERS: J C worth, R Smith, N Ball, J Lamb, M Walk Kerry, J Bleasdale; L Bell, P Carle Spicer, I Ashton, P Crayston, N Baile Dewhurst, N Ashton. I Ashton replace M Sword (59min)

NORTHAMPTON: N Beal; I Hunte Townsend, R MacNaughton, H Tho croft, P Grayson, D Malone, N Volla Clarke, M Stewart, S Tatupu, J Philip Chandler, A Pountney, T Rodber. Cha replaced by G Seeley (69), Town replaced B Taylor (76). Taylor replaced Johnson (79); M Hynes temporary repl ment for Volland (40-51, 63-64)

Referee: R Meerloo (London)

Grayson: felt at home

The golden moments of the sporting year are recalled in a new series by *Times* writers

# Tendulkar opens the door to a whole new world

When the cricket World Cup was in need of resuscitation, the change was stunning. **Michael Henderson** saw it all

The best day of the year began pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise. In front of a crowd of [illegible],000 Indians, who were there to see Sachin Tendulkar, the local champion, lead their team to victory, Australia brought the cricket World Cup to life in magnificent style in Bombay.

There are not many games of one-day cricket that remain in the memory, but the day-nighter on February 27 was one. It would be fairer to say that it was an outstanding match that took place in a limited-overs context, for, in terms of intensity and skill, it came as close to matching Test cricket as a one-day game ever will. Australia won by 16 runs, and deserved to, but the quality of Tendulkar's innings, and the occasion itself, ensured that there was far more to the day than winning and losing.

The sense of expectation was palpable. All India sensed that the World Cup was returning to their keeping. Their team had just beaten West Indies, with Tendulkar flaying the bowling, and Australia, who refused to go to Sri Lanka because they feared for their security, had yet to play a meaningful competitive match. To be frank, the first two weeks of the World Cup amounted to a phoney war, and cannot have engaged the interest of many people beyond the sub-continent.

Bombay changed all that. Just walking to the ground at lunchtime, through the crowds, was a special thrill. It was no surprise that Mark Nicholas, of *The Daily Telegraph*, and I lost our sense of geography and ended up at the wrong entrance, having to cross a railway line to reach the Wankhede Stadium.

At that point an extremely efficient army officer, *lathi* in hand, confiscated the (English) newspapers I had brought, insisting that they represented a fire hazard that could not be tolerated. When Nicholas stepped in with an equally brisk command, that English journalists would brook no restriction of their duties by a mere underling, he submitted.

CROWNING GLORY

That incident bore the stamp of the World Cup. Although it was an international competition, it was run less capably than a parish bazaar — and it was to get worse.

A reporter from *The Sunday Telegraph*, who had arrived in Bombay that morning without accreditation, was able to breeze through the soldiers defending the ground from ticketless invaders. Simon Mann, of the BBC, on the other hand, had to fight his way in and witnessed those soldiers bringing down their *lathis* on the bodies of a group of bona fide ticket-holders.

After that it was plain sailing. Australia won the toss and Mark Waugh became the first man to make two successive centuries in the World Cup, sharing a century opening stand with Mark Taylor, his captain, and going on to make a brilliant 126 from 135 balls. When he was run out Australia were 232 for four, but the remaining six wickets went down for 26 runs, the last four to successive balls. Five batsmen were run out, and a total of 258 appeared to be within India's reach.

It took Australia fewer than six overs to reshape the game, as Damien Fleming removed the India openers while, at the other end, McGrath conceded only four runs in his first four overs.

It was then that Tendulkar decided to counter-attack in the most thrilling way, and for the next hour the cricket was (a cliché, but true) breathtaking.

First he took three boundaries off McGrath, then he hit 15 from the bowler's next over, including a six smashed over mid-wicket from a ball only fractionally short of a length. Taylor decided that it was time to summon Shane Warne, his own matchwinner, and Tendulkar was not going to shirk the challenge. There followed a passage of great cricket that brought glory to both players.

Tendulkar wound himself up to thrash Warne's first ball to the boundary, but might have perished either to the third ball, which Stuart Law got a hand to at mid-off, or the fifth, which flew past Taylor's ear at slip. In all, the over cost Warne ten runs as Tendulkar raced to an extraordinary fifty from 41 balls.

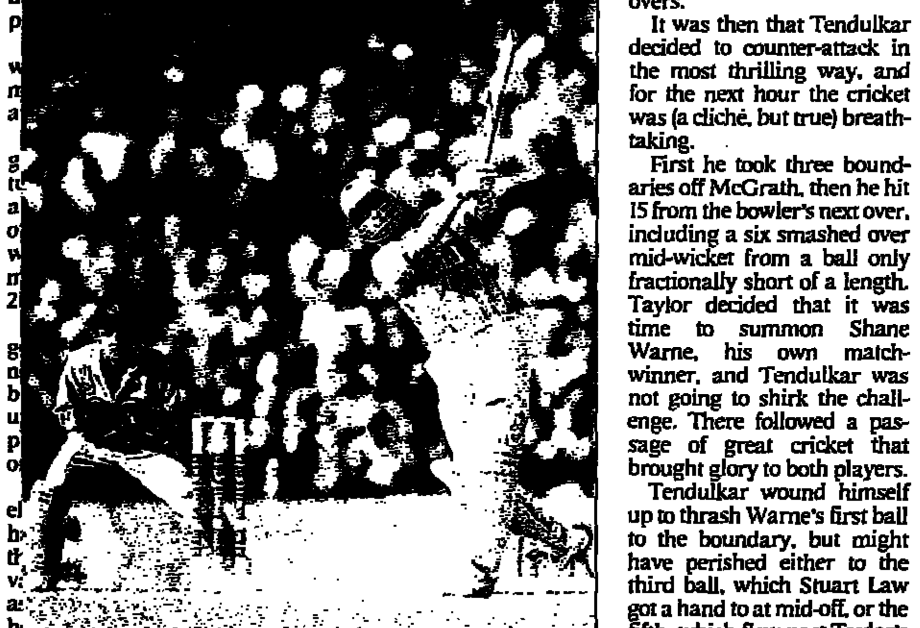
Even when Fleming forced Azharuddin to play on, Tendulkar did not draw breath. He had made 90 superb runs from 83 balls when he was drawn to meet an off spinner from Mark Waugh that was called wide. Waugh did not repine! Ian Healy whipped off the bails for his 200th dismissal in one-day internationals and a glorious innings was over. The crowd rose to him and by now, with the floodlights on and the whole city, it seemed, vibrating, a wonderful day had become unforgettable.

India did not give up the game. Manjrekar made a fine half-century and Mongia batted valiantly, but the return of Fleming and the introduction of Steve Waugh proved vital. Fleming ended with five for 36, figures that would normally give a bowler the man-of-the-match award in a game of 500 runs. On this day of days, though, it was Mark Waugh who took the palm.

What of Warne? After that expensive first over, he bowled the next nine for only 18 runs. It was a magnificent performance, for never once did India's batsmen trust themselves to get after him as Tendulkar had done. Australia's fourth matchwinner was Taylor, the captain, who set the tone of their innings with 59 runs and handled the side in the field later with a master's touch. These were all proper cricketing skills exercised in a one-day game.

Although Australia were to enjoy an even more remarkable victory over West Indies in the semi-final at Chandigarh, this was the best day of the World Cup, and it was never better than during that gilded early evening when one great player, Warne, was bowling to another, Tendulkar, as an excited crowd watched agog.

At least one person returned to his hotel that night intoxicated by what he had seen, grateful to have been present and resolving never to forget. At such times this job seems the best in the world.


Mark Waugh lights the fuse of a compelling contest

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Tendulkar, whose battle with Warne was the centrepiece of the remarkable drama that unfolded in Bombay, unleashes another drive

TOMORROW

**Andrew Longmore on the day a champion was broken on the Tour de France**

# Young blades head down under

By Mel Webb

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

IT WAS a dank December day and the Thames was not the blue, sparkling waterway that it is during the balmy days of summer. It was not the place to be if comfort was a guiding aim, and even more not the place to be if there was any choice to be had in the matter.

So why were those 20-odd young chaps messing about on the river on that inhospitable morning? Were they performing some act of communal contrition? They were not — they actually wanted to be there.

The boys were members of the rowing club at King's College School, Wimbledon, and they were voluntarily giving up a week of their Christmas holidays to prepare for the high spot of their young rowing lives.

When KCS was founded, it was situated in The Strand, in London, but in 1877 moved out to its site on Wimbledon Common. It lives there still, and as part of its centenary next March is sending 25 oarsmen to the New Zealand schools championships on Lake Karapiro in North Island.

Organised schools rowing in New Zealand is 50 years old this year, and the hosts are inviting schools from Canada, the United States, South Africa, Australia and Japan as well as KCS, the only British school making the trip. The boys — ten seniors and 15 juniors — will compete in the Maadi Cup, the New Zealand national trophy. Heats start on March 18 with repechages and semi-finals to follow.

The New Zealand final and an overseas final will be followed by the first three teams in each competing in an international final, competing for specially created commemorative medals. After the championships

the KCS party will go on to regattas in Blenheim, Christchurch and Queenstown.

The master in charge of rowing at KCS is Tony Brook, whose curriculum vitae includes membership of the world championship-winning New Zealand VIII in 1982. Brook, 43, who also teaches design and technology at the school, sets high standards, but not so high that he wants the boys to remember their time on the water as a chore.

"We're not going out there to lose, naturally, and we have got a good chance of doing well out there, but my main aim has always been to encourage the boys to keep on rowing when they leave the school," he said. "Rowing has been a sport for life for me and, if I can give the boys the wish to carry on when they go out into the world, I'll be well content."

Brook is also anxious that the team does not spend all its time in New Zealand in the grim business of international competition. "On a tour of this nature, it is important that the boys and the four staff experience all New Zealand has to offer," he said.

"We'll be doing some sightseeing, which will include white-water rafting, jet boating, air safaris and whale watching, as well as visits to cultural centres in Auckland and Rotorua." Hectic it might be, a little tiring, even. Boredom, however, does not seem likely to figure on the agenda.

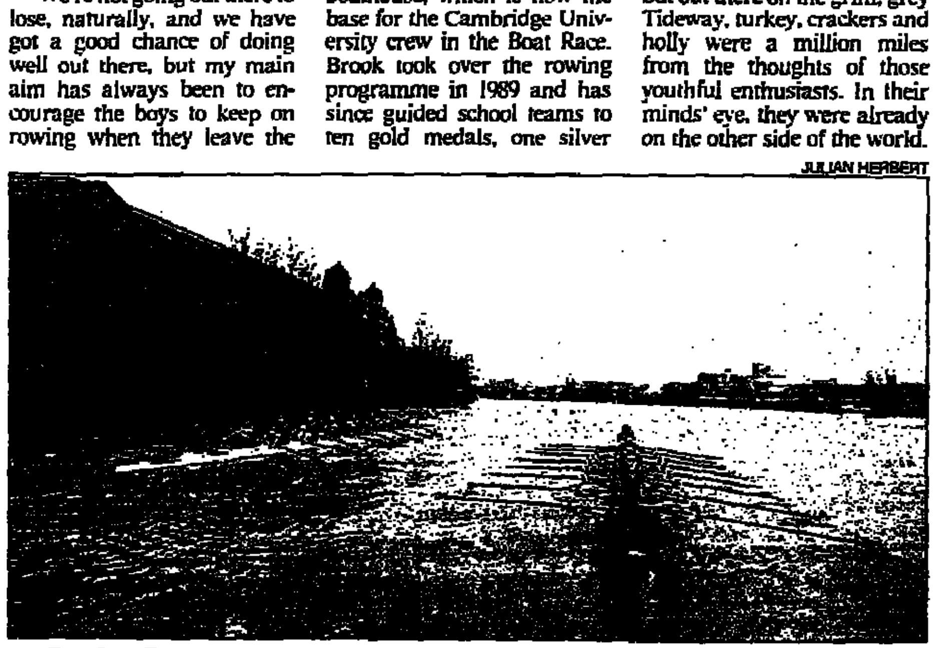
The school has a long tradition of rowing, but one of the most important moves to raise its profile was the purchase, in 1993, of the Barclays Bank boathouse, which is now the base for the Cambridge University crew in the Boat Race. Brook took over the rowing programme in 1989 and has since guided school teams to ten gold medals, one silver and two bronzes in the national schools' championships.

Brook is developing sculling as a speciality, and has his sights set on the Fawley Cup at the Henley Royal Regatta as well as hoping to form an VIII to race at championship level and compete in the Princess Elizabeth Cup there. The school has dipped generously into the coffers for the boys to make this journey, but it not likely that it would have been possible without the commitment of an energetic parents' support group, which has raised more than £20,000 for the tour.

"The parents have been tremendously supportive," Brook said. "They have been a vital part of our success in recent years." As he spoke in the upstairs bar of the boathouse, boys were lowering themselves into the water with a palpable air of enthusiasm.

Christmas was coming — but out there on the grim, grey Tideway, turkey, crackers and holly were a million miles from the thoughts of those youthful enthusiasts. In their minds' eye, they were already on the other side of the world.

JULIAN HERBERT


The KCS first and second VIIIs take training seriously on the Thames last week

# Ready substitute for trust funds

THE BUSINESS OF SPORT

Everywhere you go at the moment, someone seems to be building a new stadium or adding bits on to one. Wembley, Newcastle, Sunderland, Charlton, Bramall Lane in Sheffield, next door to Elland Road, in Leeds. All this activity, however, is centred on the richer football clubs in the top two divisions and the national team. Down in the lower divisions, it is pretty tough.

Last week it became tougher. The Football Trust, which takes money from the football pools companies and gives it to clubs so that they can comply with the Taylor report, ensuring all-seater stadiums, says that it is running out of cash. Because of the National Lottery, there is less spending on the pools. According to Richard Falkener, the vice-chairman of the trust, it had expected about £200 million between 1990 and 2000. Now it has revised this forecast down to £165 million, £150 million of which has already been spent.

The trust has now imposed a moratorium on payments. "We had hoped to implement the Taylor report throughout the divisions," Falkener said, "but we are now faced with such a shortage of money that, unless something materialises quickly, that is not going to be possible."

So what can be done? The annual survey of football club finances by the accountants, Deloitte & Touche, showed that the difference between rich and poor in football is even more marked than between the beach haciendas and the slums of São Paulo. Most lower division teams live a hand-to-mouth existence, relying on the crumbs from the Premiership table by way of transfer fees (under threat already because of the Bosman ruling) and cup-ties. For those that have not already had their development grant, the idea of spending £220 million on rebuilding Wembley or £65 million moving Newcastle United half a mile up the road from from St James Park to Castle Leases is as remote as an away fixture at Carlisle United.

There could, however, be a solution. Richard Baldwin, of Deloitte, has lobbied the Government long and hard about the issue of tax relief on football stands. If Torquay United were a leisure company and decided to build a hotel, it could write off the cost of the building against its tax. If that hotel had sporting facilities, they would be allowable against tax as well. However, the cost of building a new stand at Plainmoor would not be allowed, despite it being essential for Torquay's business. Indeed, the £120 million grant being given to Wembley for its rebuilding is actually going to lead to the Government getting £20 million more in tax just from its construction.

On the face of it, granting this tax relief for building stands would do no good, as these struggling clubs have no taxable profit to offset the tax against, but the trick is to strike a fairly run-of-the-mill leasing deal with a bank or finance company which can use the tax relief, so saving about a third of the cost of the building.

The concession needs only to be in place for three to five years, allowing the shortfall in the Football Trust income to be made up. By then most of the building work would have been done and the Government could go back to its rather unsympathetic attitude towards sporting facilities.

The argument against this move is that it would reward the big clubs more than the small ones. For example, Newcastle United would be able to claim back £20 million in tax on its Castle Leases scheme and Sunderland would receive a £5 million cheque to help its move from Roker Park.

However, if this is the cost of saving a quarter of British football clubs from bankruptcy and avoiding another disaster such as Hillsborough, then is it not a price worth paying?

JASON NISSÉ

**CYCLING:** MARKETING POST TEMPTS BRITISH CHAMPION AND RECORD-HOLDER

# Lillistone lured into surprise retirement

SIMON LILLISTONE, one of Great Britain's most consistent track internationals, announced his retirement from racing at the age of 27 on Saturday night (Peter Bryan writes). Lillistone, the winner of a record six national points race titles, made his last appearance in the midnight madison, in Manchester.

A mainstay of the national track team over the past eight years, Lillistone has been tempted away by the offer of a senior marketing post with an American crash helmet manufacturer. Lillistone, from Shrewsbury, who has just returned from training in Australia, said: "It was a difficult decision, but I am retiring as British champion and record-holder."

He fought hard to end on a winning note in the 50-kilometre madison, but could not match the sprinting speed of Peter Pieters and Rob Slippens, the Dutch professionals, who scored a clear victory over the Anglo-Danish pairing of Jon Hargreaves and Michael Sandstod. Lillistone and Mattat Pronk, his Dutch partner, were third.

Earlier Manchester had failed to become the first British city to score a match win in the five-week Euroleague series. Going into the final event, the motor-paced keirin, Manchester led by a single point from Zurich. Peter Jacques, the British keirin champion, was expected to clinch the match, but, while fighting for pole position with Rob Jefferies, of London, they tangled and fell. The judges disqualified Jacques and Jefferies, leaving Zurich to score an easy match victory.

Andy Wilkinson beat Cedric Flasse, the Belgian champion, on his international track pursuit debut, winning their 4,000 metres match by 4.06sec in 4min 41.99sec.

**RACING:** EFFECTS OF PUNCHESTOWN FALL RULE GOLD CUP WINNER OUT OF WEEKEND ENGAGEMENT

# Bruising encounter delays Imperial Call

By Julian Muscat

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The winner, Go Ballistic, right, and Unguided Missile fight out the finish of the Betterware Cup at Ascot

IMPERIAL CALL, the Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, has been forced out of the Ericsson Chase at Leopardstown on Saturday after failing to recover from bruising he sustained in a fall at Punchestown two weeks ago.

In another unwelcome development, it emerged yesterday that Rough Quest, second favourite for the King George VI Chase at Kempton on Thursday, will miss the race unless the ground is genuinely good.

Fergie Sutherland, Imperial Call's trainer, said the gelding would have one more outing — in the Hennessy Cognac Irish Gold Cup — before returning to Cheltenham to defend his crown. Making his seasonal reappearance, the seven-year-old fell at the final fence when poised for victory at Punchestown. Sutherland originally thought his horse had suffered only minor injuries.

"He got badly bruised at Punchestown," the trainer said. "The superficial cuts have healed up nicely but he was immensely sore. It was as if he had been at the bottom of a scrum. If he had been a lesser horse I might have run him on Saturday, but I am not prepared to risk it."

Imperial Call has been a clear favourite for Cheltenham ever since his convincing victory in the Gold Cup in March. However, no horse has won consecutive runnings since L'Escargot 25 years ago. Although Sutherland is unconcerned by the setback to Imperial Call, doubtless those who trade in the Gold Cup "jinx" theory will be quick to raise the point.

Rough Quest, who chased home Imperial Call at Cheltenham, was schooled over six fences by Mick Fitzgerald yesterday. The ten-year-old's trainer, Terry Casey, said: "The horse schooled brilliantly. We were all very happy and everything is fine with the horse. He is a tough old so-and-so: the Folkestone outing has blown away the cobwebs."

But Casey warned that Rough Quest would be withdrawn from the King George "without hesitation" if the ground dries up. "The going is officially good at the moment but there is a lot of drying wind about," he said. "It can firm up pretty quickly at Kempton, so it is in everyone's best interests to know in advance that he won't run unless it is proper good ground."

In that respect, the weather forecast is not favourable. Little or no rain is predicted and the cold snap is expected to extend into the weekend. This has prompted the British Horseracing Board to arrange a Boxing Day fixture for Lingfield's all-weather track at short notice. The traditional festive audience will be hoping the weather relents; all ten meetings scheduled last year fell victim to Arctic conditions.

Rough Quest's possible defection from the King George failed to generate a rethink among connections of Sound Man, who seems certain to bypass the contest. Edward O'Grady, who trains Sound Man, emphasised the horse's entry was confirmed last week only in the event that Richard Dunwoody, his regular rider, became available. Dunwoody is honour-bound to partner One Man, the winner 12 months ago.

Dunwoody came perilously close to missing the King George when kicked at Ascot on Saturday by Perfect Pal, his mount in the Mitie Group Kennel Gate Novices' Hurdle. After falling at the second flight, Perfect Pal caught Dunwoody on the thigh, splitting his boot and causing the jockey to limp conspicuously throughout the afternoon.

However, after having physiotherapy on his injured leg yesterday, he expects no problems come Thursday. "I never planned to ride before Boxing Day anyway," he said.

Dunwoody landed the Betterware Cup at Ascot aboard Unguided Missile 12 months ago but the combination was bettered on Saturday by John O'Shea's Go Ballistic, who made the most of a 25lb weight concession.

## RICHARD EVANS

**Nap: CRIMSON KING**
(3.30 Ludlow)
**Next best: Lucia Forte**
(2.00 Ludlow)

# Flying Dettori takes high rank on presents list

Without further ado, this column announces its Christmas present winners for 1996, a memorable year in many respects. There were glittering victories abroad, a seven-timer at Ascot, further controversies over the whip, political unrest and a stirring battle for the Flat trainers' championship.

*To Frankie Dettori:* A six-part introductory crash-course in gymnastics. Having perfected the flying dismount, Dettori can now expand his repertoire. His next objective must be a double-twisting back somersault — with pike.

*To Pat Eddery:* Nothing more than acknowledgement of the fact that he, not Dettori, is the champion jockey of 1996.

*To Michael Stoute:* A map of Great Britain. Having successfully campaigned in Germany, France, Canada, Japan and Hong Kong in recent months, the Newmarket-based trainer could be forgiven for losing his way to the Rowley Mile. Stoute's record overseas earnings in 1996 comfortably exceeded those accrued by Saeed bin Suroor, the champion trainer in Britain.

*To Saeed bin Suroor:* Sincere congratulations on a remarkable season, together with a deed to change his name. By making it more "Western-friendly", those handing out pre-Christmas awards, like Lord Wakeham, may learn to pronounce it correctly.

*To Lord Wakeham:* A five-year extension to his term as chairman of the British Horseracing Board. Even if he is quick on the uptake, it will take him that long to fathom how this complicated industry works.

*To Lord Wyatt (and his management team at Tote House):* A free daily ticket for the "Lucky Numbers" game, to be donated by grateful bookmakers. In case Wyatt hadn't realised it, this new game has all but usurped the scope for a weekly "Superbet". Why should Ladbrokes and William Hill install the requisite Tote Direct terminals now?

*To Henry Cecil:* A sheath for the ceremonial dagger presented by Sheikh Mohammed after the Champion Stakes. If no longer friends, they are not enemies. The 1996 season showed that racing is big enough for them both.

*To Wafic Said:* A medal for keeping his Bosra Sham and Lady Carla in training next year. Hopefully, the two fillies will smother the three-year-olds of owners who invariably retire them prematurely.

*To John McCririck:* The booby prize after insisting, on coast-to-coast television across the North America, that Mark Of Esteem was a certainty for the Breeders' Cup Mile. As one Canadian journalist succinctly wrote after the colt ran unplaced: "And anyway, you don't need help to identify a 6-5 winner."

*To David Nicholson:* Another brainwave to complement the £50,000 raised for charity via the "Magnificent Seven" racing plates. By "The Duke's" own admission, it may be asking too much.

*To Richard Dunwoody:* The opportunity to look forward to one big race in 1997 without, first having to choose his mount.

*To Cheltenham racecourse:* A week-long stint with underworld experts on the intricacies of growing good grass.

*To all clerks of the course:* A means of identifying good grass, together with a week-long stint observing the fate of underworld experts who pedal anything else.

*To all jump jockeys:* A more prudent approach towards taking rides on horses they have never schooled or ridden.

*To the Jockey Club:* Plaudits for their measured assurance in dealing with the Richard Davis tragedy, together with increased vigilance in their selection of racecourse stewards now charged with interpreting the whip instructions.

*To bookmakers' man Tom Kelly:* The award of the Nobel prize for medicine in unearthing the perfect cure for insomnia.

JULIAN MUSCAT

Racing Commentary

## LUDLOW

THUNDERER

1.00 Catwalker
1.30 God Speed You
2.00 LUCIA FORTE (nap)
2.30 Who Is Equiname
3.00 Celtino
3.30 Stormyfairweather

GOING: GOOD (INSPECTION 8AM) TOTE JACKPOT MEETING SIS

### 1.00 TANNERS CAVA CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,146: 2m 5f 110yd) (17 runners)

101 430250 HACKETTS CROSS 14 (F,S) (G Briscoe) P Eccles 8-12-0 G Hogan 98
102 3/14402 SLEEPTITE 11 (F) (D Chown) W G M Turner 6-11-5 J Power (5) 96
103 00545-4 VISCOUNT TULLY 12 (CD,S) (C Jackson) C Jackson 11-11-2 D Burrows (3) [illegible]
104 2-0P420 GUNMAKER 32 (G,S) (B Llewellyn) B Llewellyn 7-11-2 D J Kavanagh (3) 96
105 3-25020 BRIGHT SAPPHIRE 6 (F,G,S) (D Roderick) D Burchell 10-10-13 J Prior (5) 93
106 P54400 ITS GRAND 6 (S) (Avon & West Racing) J Bradley 7-10-12 T Dascombe 97
107 20-53P LE BARON 16 (C Egerton) C Egerton 5-10-11 Sophie Mitchell 94
108 3261F0 KING OF BABYLON 32 (CD,F) (R Hancocks) F Jordan 4-10-8 L Aspell 95
109 10F-0P4 DARING HEN 16 (B,F) (A Price) R Juckes 8-10-7 G Tormey 83
110 40P0-00 CELCIUS 68 (B,CD,F,G,S) (Pipe Racing) M Pipe 12-10-5 B Moore (5) –
111 6-34204 TUG YOUR FORELOCK 14 (Mrs R J Houghton) G J Houghton 5-10-5 Michael Brennan 96
112 003466 CATWALKER 16 (B) (Mrs I Webb) H Webb 5-10-0 C Rae (5) 93
113 00-P040 QUICK DECISION 17 (Mrs E Cresswell) J Cresswell 5-10-0 N T Egan (5) 95
114 0060-F PERFECT BERTIE 11 (G Leigh) N Babbage 4-10-0 M Keighley (5) 93
115 06F-060 BETHS WISH 45 (C Price) G Price 7-10-0 D Walsh 88
116 566-003 LOVELARK 82 (H Bibbey) R Lee 7-10-0 M Griffiths (5) 96
117 P-40640 BITE THE BULLET 24 (M Ledbury) A Chamberlain 5-10-0 R Massey 82

Long handicap: Catwalker 9-12, Quick Decision 9-11, Perfect Bertie 9-10, Beths Wish 9-9, Lovelark 9-8, Bite The Bullet 9-8

BETTING: 7-2 Sleeptite, 6-1 Tug Your Forelock, 8-1 Hacketts Cross, 10-1 Gunmaker, Daring Hen, 10-1 others

1995: KREEF 3-10-5 G Crone (10-1) R Curtis 16 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

HACKETTS CROSS 21l 9th of 11 to Pridewood Picker in conditional jockeys handicap hurdle at Ludlow (2m, good to firm). SLEEPTITE 7l 2nd of 9 to Harry in selling hurdle at Taunton (2m 3f 110y, good). VISCOUNT TULLY 22l 4th of 7 to Wassl Street in handicap hurdle at Leicester (2m 4f 110y, good to soft). GUNMAKER 2½l 2nd of 10 to Better Bythe Glass in selling handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot (3m 3f, good to firm) on penultimate start. LE BARON 1¾l 3rd of 13 to Always Greener in selling handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m 4f 110y, good) on penultimate start. DARING HEN 26l 4th of 10 to Atraf Solt II in novices selling hurdle at Chepstow with CATWALKER (12lb better off) 13½l 6th and LE BARON pulled up (2m 4f 110y, soft). LOVELARK 33l 3rd of 9 to Million Dancer in novices selling hurdle at Exeter (2m 3f, good).
Selection: SLEEPTITE

### 1.30 TANNERS CHAMPAGNE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,518: 3m) (7 runners)

201 1111F1 IMPERIAL VINTAGE 9 (C,D,F,G) (D Williams) Miss V Williams 6-11-10 R Johnson 97
202 3321-25 RECTORY GARDEN 16 (D,BF,G,S) (Lord Cadogan) T Forster 7-11-6 A Thornton [illegible]
203 6P/262-0 HARRISTOWN LADY 149 (B,D,F,G) (R Spencer) G Balding 9-11-3 A P McCoy 98
204 F003-31 ACT OF PARLIAMENT 18 (B,F,G) (J Perriss) K Bailey 8-11-2 C O'Dwyer 98
205 3332-11 GOD SPEED YOU 14 (B,CD,F,G) (Wallop) C Morlock 7-10-6 A Maguire 92
206 1-P2PP2 FAIRY PARK 14 (V,CD,F,G,S) (Mrs M Snow) H Oliver 11-10-0 Mr H Oliver (7) 98
207 24/6421- PANT LLIN 483 (D,F) (D Martin) F Jordan 10-10-0 S Wynne 83
208 5334PP FOXGROVE 33 (F,G) (Mrs C Middleton) R Price 10-10-0 Mr R Thornton (5) 80

Long handicap: Fairy Park 9-9, Pant Llin 9-3, Foxgrove 8-6

BETTING: 2-1 Rectory Garden, 5-2 Imperial Vintage, 3-1 Act Of Parliament, 7-2 God Speed You, 8-1 others

1995: NICKLUP 8-11-5 A Thornton (9-1) T Forster 7 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

IMPERIAL VINTAGE beat General Pongo by 4l in match for novice chase at Cheltenham (2m 5f, good to firm). RECTORY GARDEN about 27l 5th of 10 to Harwell Lad in handicap chase at Towcester (3m 1f, good).
ACT OF PARLIAMENT beat Rex To The Rescue 2l in amateurs handicap chase (2m 5f, good). GOD SPEED YOU beat Dromhana 1¾l in novices handicap chase at Ludlow (3m, good to firm). FAIRY PARK 4l 2nd of 5 to Opal's Tenspot in amateurs handicap chase over course and distance (good to firm). PANT LLIN beat Hizal 8l in novice chase at Huntingdon (3m, firm).
Selection: GOD SPEED YOU (nap)

### 2.00 HOECHST ROUSSEL PANACUR EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MARES NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,724: 2m 5f 110yd) (10 runners)

301 452416 GALATASORI JANE 9 (F) (B Bilsman) P Nicholls 6-11-5 A P McCoy 96
302 420/1-12 LUCIA FORTE 11 (BF,G) (Mrs L Farmer) K Bailey 5-11-5 C O'Dwyer [illegible]
303 000-P ALRIGHT GUV'NOR 21 (Mrs J Tarran) N Smith 6-10-12 J Ryan –
304 /0/00F-4 ARIOSO 33 (J Needham) J Needham 8-10-12 G Hogan (3) 63
305 244-5 DI'S LAST 7 (BF) (Tally Ho Partners) M Pipe 6-10-12 G Supple (7) 76
306 26-0PP DOLCE NOTTE 5 (County Stores) M Pipe 6-10-12 B Moore (7) –
307 04/ GI MOSS 611P (B) (P Harriss) P Harriss 9-10-12 W Marston –
308 040/ LUCY'S CHOICE 594 (Mrs J Harding) Mrs R Henderson 5-10-12 D Salter (5) –
309 4-6 MAID FOR ADVENTURE 40 (C Bracher) Miss H Knight 5-10-12 B Fenton 97
310 2-5 SPARKLING BUCK 25 (Mrs M Horton) D Sherwood 4-10-12 J Osborne 80

BETTING: 5-4 Lucia Forte, 11-4 Galatasori Jane, 4-1 Maid For Adventure, 8-1 Sparkling Buck, Di's Last, 12-1 Arioso, 16-1 others

1995: CAILIN GLAS 6-10-12 D Finnegan (9-2) N Chance 13 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

GALATASORI JANE 25l 6th of 9 to Tarra Bridge in novice hurdle at Cheltenham (3m 110y, good to firm). LUCIA FORTE 1¼l 2nd of 14 to Yet Again in novice hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, good).
ARIOSO 21l 4th of 15 to Lets Be Frank in novice handicap hurdle at Hereford (2m 3f 110y, good to soft). DI'S LAST 20l 4th of 10 to Knowing Queen in novice hurdle at Warwick (2m 4f 110y, good to firm). MAID FOR ADVENTURE about 7¾l 6th of 17 to Aerion in novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 110y, good). SPARKLING BUCK 39l 5th of 13 to Yet Again in novice hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, good to firm).
Selection: LUCIA FORTE

### 2.30 TANNERS WINES NOVICES CHASE (£4,351: 2m) (5 runners)

401 2013/0P ARABIAN BOLD 13 (F,G,S) (A Price) R Juckes 8-10-12 W Marston –
402 43/322-4 EULOGY 13 (Cragside Contractors) K Burke 9-10-12 A Lamach –
403 2-F0334 HOLY WANDERER 11 (F,G) (Gais Partnership) T George 7-10-12 G Hogan (3) 85
404 333-22F SUPER COIN 18 (F,S) (G Brookes) R Lee 8-10-12 R Johnson [illegible]
405 10203/6- WHO IS EQUINAME 406 (S) (L Wilson) N Henderson 6-10-12 M A Fitzgerald –

BETTING: 5-4 Super Coin, 5-2 Who Is Equiname, 7-2 Holy Wanderer, 8-1 Eulogy, 16-1 Arabian Bold

1995: HAVE A NIGHTCAP 6-11-3 J F Titley (14-1) N Littmoden 14 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

ARABIAN BOLD 76l 7th of 8 to Dreams End in grade I Tanglefoot Elite Hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good) on penultimate start. EULOGY 9¾l 4th of 9 to Surrey Dancer in claiming hurdle at Huntingdon (3m 110yd, good to soft). ARABIAN BOLD (9lb better off) pulled up before 2 out. HOLY WANDERER 6l 4th of 9 to The Lancer in handicap chase at Fakenham (2m 110yd, good). SUPER COIN 1l 2nd of 9 to Or Royal in novice chase at Chepstow (2m 110yd, good to soft) on penultimate start. WHO IS EQUINAME 15¾l 3rd of 13 to Bramblehill in handicap hurdle at Punchestown (2m 2f, yielding) on penultimate start, April 95.
Selection: SUPER COIN

### 3.00 TANNERS BURGUNDY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,100: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

501 U1FF0-3 THREE PHILOSOPHERS 21 (G,S) (Duchess Of Westminster) T Forster 7-12-0 A Thornton 95
502 3312P-4 TOO SHARP 38 (CD,F,G) (A Scott) Miss H Knight 8-10-13 J F Titley 93
503 5445-P4 CORRARDER 41 (CD,F,G) (Mrs E Smyth-Osbourne) J S-Osbourne 12-10-13 J Railton 98
504 P133-4F SPINNING STEEL 31 (F,G) (Mrs C Lewis-Jones) P Rodford 9-10-12 S Burrough 97
505 1441/0F CELTINO 19 (D,G) (B Helyer) T Forster 8-10-10 S Wynne –
506 31F445 COMEDY ROAD 19 (D,F,G) (Winsbury Livestock) R Lee 12-10-6 R Johnson 98
507 08/0-40 BLAZER MORINIERE 16 (G) (J Pearl) P Ritchens 7-10-3 S Fox –
508 344423 CHANNEL PASTIME 32 (CD,G) (Mrs S Worthington) D Burchell 12-10-1 G Lewis (3) [illegible]

BETTING: 2-1 Three Philosophers, 3-1 Too Sharp, 7-2 Spinning Steel, 4-1 Celtino, 10-1 Corrarder, Channel Pastime, 12-1 others.

1995: MINE'S AN ACE 8-10-4 R Greene (7-2) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 8 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

THREE PHILOSOPHERS neck and 5l 3rd of 17 to Pharanear in novice chase at Worcester (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). TOO SHARP 20l 4th of 6 to Jefferies in handicap hurdle at Towcester (2m, good). CORRARDER distant 4th of 5 to Lord Of The West in handicap chase at Ludlow (3m, good to firm). SPINNING STEEL 15l 4th of 6 to Fichu in handicap chase here (2m, good to firm) on penultimate start. CELTINO 2nd and closing when left 13th in 5-runner handicap chase won by Netherby Said at Southwell (2m 4f 110yd, good). BLAZER MORINIERE distant 7th of 8 to Cadougold in handicap hurdle at Chepstow (2m 4f 110yd, soft). CHANNEL PASTIME 2½l 2nd of 11 to Monks Jay in handicap chase at Wincanton (3m 5f, good) on penultimate start with COMEDY ROAD (4lb better off) 5l and neck 4th.
Selection: THREE PHILOSOPHERS

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Ludlow: 2.00 Gi Moss.

## GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating

### 3.30 TANNERS CLARET NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,528: 2m) (15 runners)

601 3/3-1 CRIMSON KING 24 (S) (S Sainsbury) T Forster 5-11-5 A Thornton 93
602 3102-1 SOUNDS LIKE FUN 66 (F,G) (Mrs H Brown) Miss H Knight 5-11-5 J F Titley 79
603 00 BABA SAM 58 (J Coles) P Eccles 5-10-12 B Fenton –
604 00-4 BARTON SCAMP 44 (Mrs H Clarke) S Brookshaw 4-10-12 R Johnson 75
605 00-2 DARK ORCHARD 21 (J Scrap Ltd) W Muir 5-10-12 M Richards –
606 0/00 DERRYS PREROGATIVE 21 (D Deacon) A Carroll 6-10-12 D Bridgwater –
607 3/2P020- JOSHUA'S VISION 219 (J & D Racing) R Lee 5-10-12 R Johnson [illegible]
608 0 LOUGHDOO 21 (R Lee) R Lee 8-10-12 G Hogan (3) 81
609 0/2562-P MANVULANE 24 (V) (Mrs C Black) Mrs C Black 6-10-12 D Walsh 89
610 0/-00 PRIVATE MEMORIES 21 (Mrs H Hogben) A Carroll 6-10-12 T J Murphy –
611 566P/00- RELAXED LAD 369 (Ironbridge Partners) J Peacock 7-10-12 R Bellamy 71
612 SHROPSHIRE GALE (A Stennett) S Brookshaw 5-10-12 T Eley –
613 0- SOUTH WEST EXPRESS 257 (Nogalive Vibes) D Wintle 4-10-12 W Marston –
614 6 STORMYFAIRWEATHER 33 (Mrs C Hanbury) N Henderson 4-10-12 M A Fitzgerald –
615 11314 ULTIMATE SMOOTHIE 24 (F,S) (Isca Bloodstock) M Pipe 4-10-12 A P McCoy 84

BETTING: 5-2 Crimson King, 7-2 Sounds Like Fun, 4-1 Ultimate Smoothie, 7-1 Joshua's Vision, 8-1 Barton Scamp, Manvulane, 16-1 others

1995: YOUR RISK 5-10-12 J Osborne 16-1 S Christian 14 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

CRIMSON KING beat Market Mayhem 11l in 15-runner novice hurdle at Bangor (2m 1f, good to soft) with ULTIMATE SMOOTHIE (7lb better off) 5½l 4th; MANVULANE (7lb better off) tailed off when pulled up before 2 out. SOUNDS LIKE FUN beat Seven Wells 2½l in 4-runner novice hurdle at Hereford (2m 1f, good to firm). BARTON SCAMP 19½l 4th of 14 to Green Green Desert in maiden hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, good to firm). DARK ORCHARD 4l 2nd of 20 to Billingsgate in maiden National Hunt Flat race at Worcester (2m, good to soft) with PRIVATE MEMORIES distant 17th. JOSHUA'S VISION 12l 2nd of 20 to Youbetterbelieveit in novice hurdle at Worcester (2m, good to firm) on penultimate start. MANVULANE 6l 2nd of 11 to Jocks Cross in novice hurdle at Bangor (2m 1f, good to soft) on penultimate start, March 96. STORMYFAIRWEATHER 14¾l 6th of 20 to Quari Eagle in National Hunt Flat race at Kempton (2m, good to soft) with DERRY'S PREROGATIVE 33½l 16th and PRIVATE MEMORIES 130l 20th
Selection: CRIMSON KING

#### COURSE SPECIALISTS

| TRAINERS | Wins | Rns | % | JOCKEYS | Winners | Rides | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| N Henderson | 7 | 23 | 30.4 | D Burrows | 3 | 10 | 30.0 |
| K Bailey | 17 | 62 | 27.4 | A P McCoy | 10 | 44 | 22.7 |
| M Pipe | 17 | 68 | 25.0 | J Railton | 8 | 37 | 21.6 |
| P Nicholls | 4 | 22 | 18.2 | A Maguire | 19 | 94 | 20.2 |
| D Burchell | 6 | 34 | 17.6 | J Osborne | 10 | 54 | 18.5 |
| G Balding | 3 | 21 | 14.3 | M Richards | 5 | 29 | 17.2 |
| T Forster | 10 | 74 | 13.5 | R Massey | 5 | 31 | 16.1 |

# Newbury lure for Agistment

AGISTMENT, the highly-regarded novice, could run next in the Challow Hurdle at Newbury on Saturday. The Jimmy Fitzgerald-trained gelding stamped himself a fine prospect when beating Mighty Moss at Uttoxeter last Friday. He now steps up in class to contest the £25,000-added grade one race as a stepping stone to the Sun Alliance Hurdle at Cheltenham. A 14-strong entry for the two mile five furlong race also includes the unbeaten Deano's Beeno and Aerion.

## KELSO

THUNDERER

12.15 New Century. 12.45 Three Wild Days. 1.15 Monymoss. 1.45 Cash Box. 2.15 Regal Romper. 2.45 Bas De Laine. 3.15 Suas Leat.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.15 MONYMOSS.

GOING: GOOD (INSPECTION 7.30AM) SIS

### 12.15 WHITE SWAN NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £2,493: 2m 110yd) (12 runners)

1 60 MENALDI 23 P Cheesbrough 6-10-12 A S Smith 77
2 NEW CENTURY 123F D Nicholls 4-10-12 G Bentley –
3 00 POLITICAL MILLSTAR 20 R Nixon 4-10-12 N Bentley –
4 5-0 SMIDDY LAD 20 R Shiels 5-10-12 D Bentley –
5 0P- SOLSGIRTH 314 J Barclay 5-10-12 B Storey –
6 220- SUPREME SOVIET 247 A Whillans 5-10-12 A Dobbin [illegible]
7 0 TAJAR 12 M Dods 4-10-12 R Supple –
8 0-P TRIONA'S HOPE 23 E Cahill 7-10-12 T Davidson (7) –
9 644- UNPREJUDICE 328 M Hammond 5-10-12 Mr C Bonner (3) 87
10 5-00 COQUET GOLD 30 F Walton 5-10-7 K Johnson –
11 04 LUMBACK LADY 40 B Mactaggart 6-10-7 G Lee (3) 95
12 6P4F MISS MONT 6 F Murtagh 7-10-7 G Cahill 81

7-4 New Century, 3-1 Supreme Soviet, 5-1 Unprejudice, 6-1 Lumback Lady, 10-1 Menaldi, 12-1 Tajar, 16-1 others

### 12.45 WHITE SWAN NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £2,479: 2m 110yd) (11)

1 -516 DEL PIERO 21 (CD,G) M Hammond 5-11-5 R Garritty 98
2 2/P CLAVERING 20 (BF) J H Johnson 6-10-12 A Dobbin –
3 DESERT LORE 252F R McKellar 5-10-12 M Moloney –
4 0/0 OBVIOUS RISK 21 E Cahill 5-10-12 T Davidson (7) –
5 2 SHINEROLLA 21 C Parker 4-10-12 D Parker 95
6 0P- SILVER PEARL 243 Mrs A Naughton 5-10-12 M Foster –
7 4-52 THREE WILD DAYS 31 (BF) T Tate 4-10-12 J Callaghan [illegible]
8 434F AMBER HOLLY 12 J Dixon 7-10-7 F Perratt 91
9 4/U FIRST IN THE FIELD 12 N Mason 5-10-7 S Haworth (7) –
10 06 JALMAID 14 H Alexander 4-10-7 R McGrath (5) 70
11 000- MILLERS GOLDENGIRL 275 Mrs S Smith 5-10-7 R Guest –

6-4 Three Wild Days, 11-4 Del Piero, 7-2 Shinerolla, 7-1 Clavering, 10-1 Amber Holly, 16-1 First In The Field, 20-1 others.

### 1.15 KEVIN OLIVER NOVICES CHASE (£3,810: 3m 1f) (10)

1 1412 SEEKING GOLD 12 (CD,F,G) J Barclay 7-11-7 B Storey 84
2 -481 GARBO'S BOY 7 (G) J Turner 6-11-6 W Fry 73
3 3241 MONYMOSS 12 (D,G) Mrs S Smith 7-11-6 R Guest [illegible]
4 -052 AYLESBURY LAD 13 (B) D Lamb 7-11-0 J Burke 77
5 4243 BOLD ACCOUNT 12 (G) G Moore 6-11-0 N Bentley 85
6 44-3 COQUI LANE 21 (G,S) J Dixon 9-11-0 T Reed –
7 /04 MAYBE O'GRADY 20 (G,S) W Cunningham 7-11-0 N Smith –
8 P-GF STRONGALONG 21 P Cheesbrough 6-11-0 A S Smith 88
9 2UU2 WINTER BELLE 21 (G,S) J H Johnson 8-11-0 A Dobbin 85
10 30 MISS COLETTE 13 (B) Mrs D Thomson 8-10-9 G Cahill –

3-1 Monymoss, 4-1 Coqui Lane, 9-2 Garbo's Boy, 5-1 Seeking Gold, Winter Belle, 6-1 Bold Account, 14-1 Aylesbury Lad, 16-1 others

### 1.45 MASON ORGANISATION MAIDEN HURDLE (£3,039: 2m 6f 110yd) (18)

1 0-03 ADIB 12 (S) G Moore 6-11-5 N Bentley 70
2 00-3 BASINCROFT 13 Miss S Williamson 6-11-5 A Todd (7) 65
3 P-3 BLACK ICE 21 T Tate 5-11-5 J Callaghan 84
4 4-00 BORIS BROOK 12 R Allan 5-11-5 S Melrose (7) –
5 5-32 CASH BOX 21 T Carr 8-11-5 N Smith 90
6 0 CELTIC DUKE 16 M Hammond 4-11-5 R Garritty –
7 2-55 CHEATER 21 J H Johnson 5-11-5 A Dobbin 82
8 /54- HOBKIRK 297 A Whillans 7-11-5 K Johnson 86
9 0/0- KINGS HIGH 562 W Kemp 6-11-5 S McDougall –
10 131- LATHERON 231P (F,G,S) J Sisterson 6-11-5 Mr N Wilson –
11 0/2 MALTA MAN 21 P Cheesbrough 6-11-5 A S Smith [illegible]
12 4/ MY YOUNG PET 874P R McDonald 7-11-5 K Jones –
13 00-4 PAPPA CHARLIE 20 C Parker 5-11-5 B Storey 81
14 -000 PERSUASIVE TALENT 13 D Lamb 5-11-5 J Burke 68
15 0 POLITICAL BILL 21 J Charlton 5-11-5 G Cahill –
16 P-04 SEE MORE GHOSTS 13 Mrs A Swinbank 5-11-5 J Supple 83
17 0 LOSTRIS 20 M Dods 5-11-0 R Supple 79
18 /U OUR WILMA 823 Mrs D Thomson 7-11-0 D Pears –

5-2 Malta Man, 9-2 Cash Box, 6-1 Black Ice, 7-1 Latheron, 8-1 Pappa Charlie, 10-1 Hobkirk, 12-1 Cheater, 14-1 others.

### 2.15 ERIC GILLIE HORSE TRANSPORT HANDICAP CHASE (£3,489: 2m 1f) (4)

1 F-32 TIMBUCKTOO 20 (G,S) J Oliver 9-11-10 B Storey 92
2 1133 REGAL ROMPER 20 (D,F,G) Mrs S Smith 8-11-3 R Guest 97
3 -644 ONE FOR THE POT 13 (BF,F,G,S) Mrs A Naughton 11-10-11 M Foster [illegible]
4 F-22 DEAR DO 18 (F,G,S) R Henderson 9-10-8 J R Kavanagh 98

7-4 Timbucktoo, 9-4 Regal Romper, 11-4 Dear Do, 9-2 One For The Pot.

### 2.45 BANK ON IT HANDICAP CHASE (£4,463: 3m 4f) (5)

1 11-P WHAAT FETTLE 31 (CD,F,G,S) G Richards 11-11-10 A Dobbin 90
2 1311 BAS DE LAINE 31 (C,F,G) M Hammond 10-11-5 R Garritty 94
3 -P26 CEILIDH BOY 23 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs J Goodfellow 10-11-0 A S Smith 98
4 1312 MONY-SKIP 21 (F,G) Mrs S Smith 7-10-9 R Guest 98
5 2432 ALI'S ALIBI 16 (C,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 9-10-8 P Niven [illegible]

2-1 Bas De Laine, 5-2 Ali's Alibi, 3-1 Mony-Skip, 5-1 Whaat Fettle, 12-1 Ceilidh Boy.

### 3.15 TWEEDDALE PRESS CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,220, 2m 110yd) (5)

1 32-5 COMMON SOUND 40 (D,S) J Barclay 5-11-13 G Cahill [illegible]
2 1213 SUAS LEAT 41 (D,F,G) J Jefferson 6-10-13 M Newton 93
3 -221 ADAMATIC 40 (C,D,F,G) R Allan 5-10-9 S Melrose 97
4 0SRF BOLANEY GIRL 13 (D,F) F Murtagh 7-10-0 E Callaghan 94
5 520- GONE AWAY 354 M Hammond 7-10-0 R Burns (4) 72

5-4 Adamatic, 2-1 Suas Leat, 4-1 Common Sound, 10-1 Bolaney Girl, 20-1 Gone Away

#### COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 34 winners from 114 runners, 29.8%; Mrs J Goodfellow, 13 from 49, 26.5%; M Hammond, 23 from 97, 23.7%; G Richards, 22 from 100, 22%; Mrs S Smith, 7 from 32, 21.9%.

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 46 winners from 124 rides, 37.1%; R Garritty, 10 from 39, 25.6%; M Moloney, 13 from 65, 20.0%; J Callaghan, 11 from 55, 20.0%; A Dobbin, 26 from 134, 19.4%.

## SATURDAY'S RESULTS

### Ascot

Going: good to firm (hurdles good in places)

12.35 (2m 3f 110yd ch) 1, Simply Dashing (R Dunwoody, 13-8 fav); 2, Or Royal (7-2); 3, Oh So Risky (5-1). 8 ran. 3l, 10l. T Easterby. Tote: £2.10; £1.30, £1.60, £1.30. DF: £3.10. CSF: £7.08.

1.10 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Make A Stand (A P McCoy, 8-13 fav); 2, Eagles Rest (30-1); 3, Bowcliffe Court (8-1). 9 ran. 5l, 16l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £3.60, £1.90. DF: £16.20. Trio: £28.90. CSF: £14.02.

1.45 (3m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Ocean Hawk (C Llewellyn, 7-1); 2, Traingiot (9-4 fav); 3, Pleasure Shared (5-2). 6 ran. 4l, 2l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £7.70; £3.00, £1.60. DF: £9.70. CSF: £21.80.

2.20 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Go Ballistic (A P McCoy, 4-1 fav); 2, Unguided Missile (9-2); 3, Major Bell (9-2). 9 ran. 1¼l, 20l. J O'Shea. Tote: £4.60; £1.70, £1.70, £1.80. DF: £9.10. Trio: £14.20. CSF: £20.35. Tricast: £74.61. Tote

2.50 (2m ch) 1, Storm Alert (A Maguire, 3-1); 2, Ask Tom (Evens fav); 3, Around The Horn (10-1). 5 ran. ½l, 26l. D Nicholson. Tote: £3.30; £1.40, £1.40. DF: £2.20. CSF: £6.23.

3.20 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Mistinguett (C Llewellyn, 11-2); 2, Eskimo Nel (8-1); 3, Mr Percy (9-2 jt-fav). Tragic Hero 9-2 jt-fav. 9 ran. 4l, 9l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £6.20; £1.90, £1.90, £1.80. DF: £21.20. Trio: £60.10. CSF: £45.13.

Jackpot: £3,273.80.

Placepot: £20.80. Quadpot: £15.90.

### Haydock Park

Going: good to soft

12.15 (2m hdle) 1, Shu Gaa (J Osborne, 11-10 fav); 2, What Jim Wants (12-1); 3, Tagatay (14-1). 12 ran. NR: Falcon's Flame, Parrot's Hill. 12l, 9l. O Sherwood. Tote: £2.20; £1.10, £2.50, £4.50. DF: £20.00. Trio: £65.00. CSF: £18.69.

12.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, Slotamatique (A Dobbin, 9-2); 2, Spinnaker (11-2); 3, Cariboo Gold (9-2). Oat Couture Evens fav (f). 5 ran. ¾l, 18l. G Richards. Tote: £4.70; £2.00, £2.80. DF: £19.00. CSF: £23.97.

1.20 (2m hdle) 1, Shining Edge (J Osborne, 2-1 fav); 2, New Inn (7-2); 3, House Captain (12-1). 7 ran. 2l, ½l. T Easterby. Tote: £2.90; £1.90, £2.40. DF: £4.60. CSF: £9.46.

1.55 (4m 110yd ch) 1, Pink Gin (P Niven, 7-1); 2, Diamond Fort (11-2); 3, Paper Star (10-1). Christmas Gorse 11-8 fav (f). 7 ran. 14l, 20l. M Hammond. Tote: £5.10; £2.20, £2.70. DF: £18.90. CSF: £40.13.

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, Abzulu (P Carberry, 6-4); 2, Good Vibes (Evens fav); 3, Pentland Squire (9-1). 7 ran. 1¾l, 18l. J Fitzgerald. Tote: £2.50; £1.60, £1.10. DF: £1.50. CSF: £3.36.

3.00 (2m 4f ch) 1, General Command (P Carberry, 8-11 fav); 2, Valiant Warrior (2-1); 3, Conti d'Estruval (9-2). 3 ran. 16l, 23l. G Richards. Tote: £1.70. DF: £1.40. CSF: £2.41.

3.30 (2m flat) 1, Slide On (Gary Lyons, 16-1); 2, Meadow Hymn (16-1); 3, Merry Masquerade (20-1). Breath Of Scandal 9-4 fav. 14 ran. 5l, 13l. P Evans. Tote: £24.40; £4.10, £4.30, £6.70. DF: £148.20. Trio: not won. CSF: £256.47.

### Lingfield Park

12.30 1, Shepherds Rest (100-30); 2, Museum (10-1); 3, Tickerty's Gift (13-2). Hawthorne Glen 15-8 fav. 9 ran.

1.00 1, Stage Player (16-1); 2, River Leven (11-8 fav); 3, Policemans Pride (8-1). 7 ran. NR: Glendoe, Relkowen.

1.35 1, Sail By The Stars (9-4); 2, Fortunes Course (6-1); 3, Handy Lass (20-1). Silver Shred 5-4 fav. 5 ran.

2.10 1, Roseberry Avenue (9-4); 2, Red Raja (13-8 fav); 3, Sterling Fellow (12-1). 15 ran. NR: Bold Start Lady.

2.40 1, Boardroom Shuffle (8-15 fav); 2, Three Farthings (9-2); 3, Master Pilgrim (33-1). 7 ran.

3.10 1, Mariners Mirror (6-5 fav); 2, Kendal Cavalier (5-2); 3, Gemma's Wager (40-1). 5 ran. NR: Mystic Marine.

3.40 1, Arkley Royal (4-6 fav); 2, Shanekanndi (10-1); 3, Repeat Offer (4-1). 10 ran. NR: Good Time Dancer.

### Uttoxeter

12.25 1, Mister Rm (4-1); 2, Stormy Passage (15-8 fav); 3, Prussia (8-1). 13 ran. NR: Caddy's First, Joshua's Vision, Niyaka.

12.55 1, Lord Gyllene (6-4 fav); 2, Sailor Jim (5-1); 3, Corlingford Lakes (9-1). 6 ran. NR: What's Your Story.

1.30 1, Menshaar (7-2 jt-fav); 2, Coole Hill (7-2 jt-fav); 3, Tilty (12-1). 13 ran.

2.05 1, Art Prince (8-11 fav); 2, Plassey Boy (12-1); 3, Baroncelli (14-1). 8 ran. NR: Roaring Miracle, Mystic Court.

2.35 1, Arithmetic (5-2); 2, Daisy Bo (3-1); 3, Express Gift (11-2). Outset 2-1 fav. 6 ran. NR: High Grade, Mim-Lou-And.

3.05 1, Garolo (4-7 fav); 2, Robins Pride (8-1); 3, Rolfe (2-1). 4 ran. NR: Who Is Equiname.

3.35 1, Cherrymore (Evens fav); 2, Benefit-In-Kind (8-1); 3, Pol Black Uk (4-1). 15 ran. NR: El Crank Senor.

# Frost threatens two meetings

FROST is threatening today's scheduled meetings, Kelso and Ludlow. Kelso has an inspection planned for 7.30, while Ludlow inspects half an hour later.

The Boxing Day racing programme is also likely to be disrupted by sub-zero temperatures. Kempton is expecting frosts every night in the run-up to the Pertemps King George VI meeting, while Market Rasen and Wetherby are facing a battle against the chilly weather.

## JUMP LEADERS

### TRAINERS

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Days since win | Level stakes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| M Pipe | 107 | 61 | 47 | 1 | +4.91 |
| K Bailey | 43 | 36 | 21 | 3 | -3.53 |
| D Nicholson | 42 | 25 | 19 | 1 | -2.60 |
| P Hobbs | 38 | 27 | 28 | 2 | -43.61 |
| Mrs M Reveley | 37 | 25 | 18 | 3 | +4.52 |

### JOCKEYS

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Losing sequence | Level stakes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A P McCoy | 121 | 81 | 44 | 1 | +0.32 |
| A Maguire | 60 | 50 | 43 | 0 | -73.19 |
| R Dunwoody | 54 | 48 | 34 | 3 | -47.07 |
| J Osborne | 52 | 44 | 30 | 3 | +7.70 |

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CHANGING TIMES

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**Sally Jones** saddles up and joins the Pony Club for the long countdown to the Horse of the Year Show

# The junior cavalry prepare to charge

SPORT FOR ALL

The packed Wembley arena erupts into a deafening cacophony of high-pitched cheering as half-a-dozen excited ponies gallop down the ring like cavalry chargers. Their young riders throw themselves off and sprint along a row of "stepping stones" (upturned buckets) before vaulting back into the saddle and galloping for the line to hand over to the next member of the team. One boy accidentally knocks over a bucket and has to renegotiate the line, losing his team precious seconds in the process, while the parents, coaches and hundreds of small, frantic supporters scream themselves hoarse.

It is a typical scene from the final night of the Prince Philip Cup, the Pony Club mounted games championship, when the knowledgeable Horse of the Year Show crowd, swelled by shrieking nine-year-olds, goes wild after the high tension and split-second precision of the week's showjumping championships.

This is the glamorous aspect of the sport, the mounted games equivalent of the Cup Final; athletic, steely-eyed 14-year-olds, most with spidery, adolescent limbs dwarfing their tough, eager ponies, all drilled within an inch of their lives.

This month Robert Noble, a retired farmer, has already started his preparations for the 1997 competition with about 40 youngsters ranging in age from seven to 14 on rough-coated ponies, going through their paces on a beach at Ayr, for up to three hours, two nights a week.

By April Noble, the trainer of the Eglinton Pony Club side, which has dominated the event since 1976, winning the title for the past five years, will have picked two junior (under 12) and two senior (under 15) sides with five children in each.

"Selection day is the worst time of the year," he said, "because some of the children break their hearts when they're left out." Several of the lucky ones will have moved up from the junior A team last year to the senior B team, or from the senior B into the coveted A side, which will start among the favourites for the 1997 Prince Philip Cup.

It is easy for outsiders to scoff at mounted games as a gungho free-for-all for the moneyed middle classes. In fact, says Noble, who started training the Eglinton side in 1976 when his 13-year-old daughter, Eunice, first took part, the participants come from a wide variety of backgrounds, many on leased or borrowed ponies.

"A good, well-trained pony will change hands for £1,500 to £2,000, sometimes double that, but a lot of the kids without that sort of money behind them train up their own ponies, often paying as little as £75.

"The beauty of mounted games, particularly when the children are putting in so much time and effort to train, is the confidence and character it gives them and the way it builds teamwork. We had our first win at Wembley in 1978 and it was the high point of those children's lives."

Andrew Kirk, 15, from a Northamptonshire comprehensive, is a veteran of four Prince Philip Cup sides and a member of the Oakley Hunt West Pony Club since 1990. He gave me some tips on technique at the British Equestrian Centre at Stoneleigh, in Warwickshire.

After the display of bending, sack races, flag races and the like, given by youngsters from the Cheshire Hunt and Rockwood Harriers, including two tiny nine-year-olds on frisky greys, I was lent Troy, and shown the intricacies of the rope race. In this, two competitors canter side by side, holding a short rope between them as they weave in and out of bending poles. At the far end of the arena, one of the pair lets go of the rope, allowing another rider to take his place. The new pairing then "bends" back down the row of poles to the other end, where the final team member is waiting to take the place of the original rider.

Once I was paired with the rider of one of the tiny greys, I discovered the problem of getting two different-sized ponies to canter together at the same speed and of persuading the pony on the outside of each bend to go faster to stay level. First I kicked Troy into too fast a canter, let go of the rope and had to return to where the break occurred. I then neck-reined him across into one of the poles, sending it flying (in a real race, I would have had to replace it myself to avoid disqualification). Troy and my young partner kept their tempers and we finished with a flourish.

Next came the stepping-stone race. I watched in awe as Andrew galloped his pony at full speed to the line of buckets, threw himself off, still at a gallop, and tiptoed along the line, while the pony trotted beside him. He vaulted back on with ease and galloped for the finish, completing the entire leg inside ten seconds.

My first attempt was far more demure. "Vault off sideways," Andrew suggested, "there's no time for a formal dismount — and keep the pony trotting beside you while you run along the buckets, counting them as you go to get the rhythm. The moment you're off the last one, vault back up. No, don't hop about like that; keep facing forwards and bounce up with both feet from just ahead of the saddle, gripping the mane with your left hand and the front of the saddle with your right then swing your right leg over his back and go for it."

After much hopping and swinging, I achieved a vault and knocked over only two stepping-stones. "Passable with about five years' hard practice," came the verdict.

"What I love about it is the competition," Andrew said. "Lots of friendly rivalry. Some parents make a lot of sacrifices for their children to compete. My mum's a care worker and my dad's in the motor trade and they've been really supportive. I want to be an RAF pilot and fitting in my riding is pretty tough, but it's been worth it; going to Wembley was one of the greatest weeks of my life."

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Members of the Pony Club in action: mounted games such as this are the equivalent of the Cup Final for the young competitors

## MILITARY LINKS

MOUNTED games such as "tent-pegging" and "bending" originated in the cavalry regiments as exercises to improve the chargers' obedience and flexibility and boost the riders' skill.

Soon after the Second World War the Duke of Edinburgh asked Colonel Mike Ansell, the director of the Horse of the Year Show, to devise a cavalry-type training suitable for children on ponies and offered a cup for the winning team.

The event has grown dramatically and now many of the Pony Club's 366 branches from its 19 areas within the United Kingdom enter senior teams for the area competitions each May, the first stage on the road to Wembley in the autumn. (The junior finals are staged at Weston Park, Shropshire.)

Meetings are staged under the eye of stewards who mark infringements. Competition is fierce, and the rules are observed with military rigour.

On one occasion the Prince Philip Cup itself was in the balance during the last event of the final, the flag race. With the top two teams separated by just one point, the last rider of the leading team thrust his flag only half-way into the flag-holder and, as he galloped for the finish, the flag began to topple out again. It fell just as he reached the line and the nearest steward adjudged that it had hit the floor a split second before the rider was over the line — a heartbreaking decision that cost his team the cup.

Occasional falls are inevitable but serious injury is rare. Races are usually stopped or re-run if anyone is injured. Event organisers carry out an inspection of clothing and tack before competitions to check that it is safe and properly fastened and riders must remove jewellery.

Competitors must wear jodhpur boots or long boots and light-coloured jodhpurs. A new standard riding hat, the PAS 015, has just been introduced, giving more protection to the side of the head. The hat is always worn with a chinstrap. Many trainers will refuse to accept a pony which is known to kick.

Welfare of the pony is a main consideration. Whips and spurs are not permitted in competition. Rough or dangerous riding is penalised and competitors must ride an appropriately-sized pony.

Early lessons under supervision are essential when starting to learn the skills of horse riding

## HOW TO START

NEWCOMERS are advised to have a series of lessons with a qualified instructor at a British Horse Society-approved riding school. If they enjoy the sessions and learn the basics of riding and stable management, the next stage is to buy or borrow a quiet pony and join the local branch of the Pony Club.

A few members hire ponies from riding schools, but few such mounts are lively enough to make good games ponies and the chance of regularly hiring the same pony is remote. Most youngsters involved in mounted games take part in other Pony Club activities, such as rallies, camps, safety training and sessions on riding and stable management.

Most branches organise regular mounted games practices, open to all levels. As they grow in skill and confidence, children gradually progress from "tinies" races, performed at a sedate trot, to the flat-out team events such as the Prince Philip Cup.

The annual Pony Club subscription is £22, with a £1 joining fee. This includes third-party legal liability and insurance.

A pony can cost anything from £75 for an unbroken novice to £5,000 for a top-class, "made" games pony with an impressive record at international level, although, be warned — buying an outstanding pony will not guarantee success unless the child rides well and builds a good rapport with the mount. Tack is often bought second-hand; a saddle ranging in price from £70 second-hand to £250-plus new. A bridle costs between £25 and £50.

If you do not have your own paddock and stable, stabling and feeding cost between £30 a week for a do-it-yourself livery and up to £80 a week for a full livery. (This tends to be more expensive in the Home Counties and city areas than in the country.)

Vets' bills and shoeing can work out at about £700 a year and travelling to leading British competitions costs up to £1,000. A season's entry fees could come to between £60 and £100, depending on the number of competitions entered. Riding kit: jodhpurs and jodhpur boots cost about £25 each, hats are around £35. Further information: the Pony Club, British Equestrian Centre, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, CV8 2LR.

## SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

Some readers may remember *The Bedside Book of Bridge*, published a couple of years ago. Aimed at the mass bridge market, this was a compendium of articles written by the famous and the not-so-famous on all manner of subjects related to bridge, admirably edited by Elena Jeronomidis. A recent publication, *More Bedside Bridge*, is more of the same. There are many entertaining and instructive articles: this offering, by Ron Klinger, the Australian expert, is entitled "Best Chances First". How would you play as South in 3 NT on the hands below, after the lead of the three of spades?

♠K8
♥AK107
♦AK3
♣QJ109

N
W E
S

♠765
♥Q4
♦Q942
♣A532

Contract: Three No-trumps

Lead: Three of spades

At the table, declarer went down quickly. He rose with the king of spades in dummy (correct, as the king is doomed unless the ace is with West). He then took the club finesse: that lost to West, who cashed four more spades for one off.

Declarer's play would have been right in 6 NT, since in that contract four club tricks would be necessary. However, in 3 NT, after the king of spades wins, declarer has eight top tricks (one spade, three hearts, three diamonds and one club). Only one more trick is needed, and that trick could come from diamonds (3-3 break or J 10 doubleton, making the nine high, or singleton jack or ten with West, setting up a finesse position against East); or from hearts (if the jack drops in three rounds); or from clubs (if the finesse works). On this sort of hand, you should first take those chances that do not involve losing the lead (this is known as "echelon play"). The correct play is: first, cash the three top diamonds; if they behave, you have nine tricks. If not, test hearts, playing the queen first, then the ace and king; if the jack has not dropped, take the club finesse. When the hand occurred at the table, diamonds split 3-3 and so the club finesse was unnecessary.

*More Bedside Bridge*, edited by Elena Jeronimidis, is available from Mr Bridge, Ryden Grange, Bisley, Surrey, GU21 2TH (tel: 01494 565309); cost £5.99

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## WORD-WATCHING

*By Philip Howard*

GALLOGLASS
a. Condemned man's drink
b. A mercenary
c. Hemp

GREE
a. A stork
b. Favour
c. An Amerindian

FRISKET
a. A printer's frame
b. A sparrow
c. Flummery

FELAPTON
a. A left-handed lyre
b. A Turkish slipper
c. A syllogism

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## KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

### Kasparov's triumph

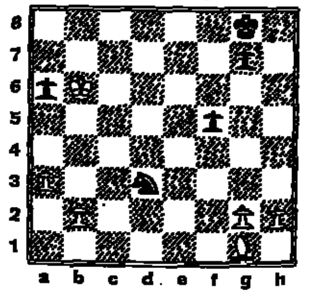
By his clear victory in the elite Las Palmas tournament, which ended over the weekend, Garry Kasparov has dispelled any doubt that he is the undisputed champion of the world. In a competition of the world's top six ranked players, facing each other twice, Kasparov won by a clear point, while Anatoly Karpov, the Fide champion, suffered the worst result of his career, finishing in joint-last place and failing to win a single game. Kasparov also enjoyed the pleasure of winning a complicated game against his rival.

**White:** Garry Kasparov
**Black:** Anatoly Karpov
Las Palmas, December 1996

**Nimzo-Indian Defence**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | d4 | Nf6 |
| 2 | c4 | e6 |
| 3 | Nc3 | Bb4 |
| 4 | Qc2 | 0-0 |
| 5 | a3 | Bxc3+ |
| 6 | Qxc3 | b6 |
| 7 | Bg5 | Bb7 |
| 8 | e3 | d6 |
| 9 | f3 | Nbd7 |
| 10 | Nh3 | c5 |
| 11 | dxc5 | bxc5 |
| 12 | Be2 | Qb6 |
| 13 | 0-0 | d5 |
| 14 | Rad1 | Bc6 |
| 15 | Nf2 | h6 |
| 16 | Bh4 | Ba4 |
| 17 | Rd2 | Bb3 |
| 18 | Ng4 | Nxg4 |
| 19 | fxg4 | Rab8 |
| 20 | g5 | hxg5 |
| 21 | Bxg5 | Rb7 |
| 22 | Be7 | Re8 |
| 23 | Bh4 | Nf8 |
| 24 | Bg3 | Rd8 |
| 25 | Bh4 | Rdd7 |
| 26 | cxd5 | Rxd5 |
| 27 | e4 | Rxd2 |
| 28 | Qxd2 | Ba4 |
| 29 | Bh5 | Be8 |
| 30 | Bf2 | Qb5 |
| 31 | Qd8 | Bc6 |
| 32 | Bg3 | Rd7 |
| 33 | Qe8 | Qxf1+ |
| 34 | Kxf1 | Rd1+ |
| 35 | Bxd1 | Bxe8 |
| 36 | Bf2 | Bb5+ |
| 37 | Be2 | Bxe2+ |
| 38 | Kxe2 | Nd7 |
| 39 | Kd3 | a6 |
| 40 | Bg1 | f5 |
| 41 | exf5 | exf5 |
| 42 | Kc4 | Ne5+ |
| 43 | Kxc5 | Nd3+ |
| 44 | Kb6 | Black resigns |

**Diagram of final position**



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**Final crosstable at Las Palmas**

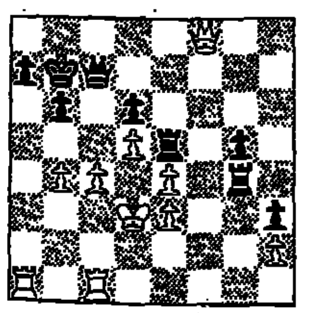
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Kasparov** | * | ½ ½ | ½ ½ | 1 ½ | ½ 1 | ½ 1 | 6½ |
| **Anand** | ½ ½ | * | ½ 0 | ½ ½ | 1 ½ | ½ 1 | 5½ |
| **Kramnik** | ½ ½ | ½ 1 | * | ½ 0 | 0 1 | ½ ½ | 5 |
| **Topalov** | 0 ½ | ½ ½ | ½ 1 | * | 0 1 | ½ ½ | 5 |
| **Ivanchuk** | ½ 0 | 0 ½ | 1 0 | 1 0 | * | ½ ½ | 4 |
| **Karpov** | ½ 0 | ½ 0 | ½ ½ | ½ ½ | ½ ½ | * | 4 |

In the above table, 1 represents a win, ½ a draw and 0 a loss.

## WINNING MOVE

*By Raymond Keene*

White to play. This position is from the game Goldin — Horvath, Budapest, 1996. In this middlegame with the major pieces, White found a quick breakthrough on the queenside. Can you spot it?



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# FOR THE RECORD

## AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): New England 23 Giants 22; St. Louis 14 New Orleans 13

## ATHLETICS

### Track and field

CRYSTAL PALACE: Indoor Meeting: Men: 60m: J Livingston (Shaftesbury Barnet) 6.7sec; J Thomas (Woodford Green) 6.7. Women: 60m: B Kinch (Borough of Hounslow) 7.5

### Cross country

BEDFORD: Southern Women's League: Seniors: 1, C Weatherill (Shaftesbury Barnet) 17min 02sec; 2, J Hawthorne-Brown (Bournemouth) 17:13; 3, J Harnett (Medway) 17:26. Team: Highgate. Juniors: C Radon (Wycombe Phoenix) 13:47. Team: Milton Keynes. Under-15: S Jarvis (Wycombe Phoenix) 11:58. Team: Shaftesbury Barnet. Under-13: L Puddle (Borough of Hounslow) 9:17. Team: Aldershot, Farnham and District.

WOODFORD: Metropolitan League: Men: 1, J Gentry (Newham and Essex Beagles) 26min 33sec; 2, N Ovington (Thames Valley) 26:38; 3, A Colvin (Hertford and Ware) 26:35. Team: Woodford Green. Women: 1, D Sullivan (Havering Mayesbrook) 18:14; 2, N Barnett (Havering Mayesbrook) 18:35; 3, A Solly (North London) 20:03. Team: Hillingdon.

### Road running

GATESHEAD: Saltwell 10 kilometres: Men: 1, M Hudspith (Morpeth) 30min 07sec; 2, K McCluskey (Salford) 30:27; 3, J Halliday (Chester-le-Street) 31:31. Team: Durham City. Women: L Marr (Tynedale) 35:09. Team: Elswick.

## BOXING

UNCASVILLE, Connecticut: International Boxing Federation lightweight championship: Philip Holiday (SA, holder) bt Ivan Robinson (US) pts. World Boxing Council inter-continental heavyweight championship: David Tua (NZ, holder) bt Philip Izonritei (Nigeria) rsc 12th.

LAS VEGAS: World Boxing Association junior-featherweight championship: Antonio Cermeno (Ven, holder) bt Yuichi Kasai (Japan) pts. Non-title professional featherweight bout (10rnds): Tom Johnson (US) drew with Javier Marquez (Mex) rsc 3rd (Marquez sustained a cut on his forehead due to an accidental clash of heads).

## CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Brisbane (final day of four): Queensland 549 (S G Law 144, J P Maher 91, I A Healy 88) bt New South Wales 190 (S R Waugh 55; A J Bichel 6-58) and 445-9 (M Waugh 159, S Waugh 186 not out) on the first innings. Perth (third day of four): South Australia 258 (J A Brayshaw 73, D S Lehmann 52) and 190-3 (J D Siddons 81, G S Blewett 66), Western Australia 580-8 dec (J L Langer 274 not out, D R Martyn 104, G B Hogg 46; J N Gillespie 5-64).

## CYCLING

### Track

Key 103-Guinness Euroleague (8th round, Manchester Velodrome): 25-lap scratch: 1, B Steel (Manchester) 7min 39.71sec; 2, T Busenhart (Zurich); 3, J Clay (Manchester). Ten-minute motor-paced (match A): 1, M Pronk (Amsterdam); 2, O Alberdi (San Sebastian); 3, S Lillistone (Cardiff). Devil take the hindmost: 1, T Busenhart 5:21.823; 2, W Wright (Cardiff); 3, J Notley (Manchester). Ten-minute motor-paced (match B): 1, M Langhart (Zurich); 2, B Steel; 3, J Bayfield (London). Golden mile: 1, J Notley 2:03.276; 2, J Griffiths (Cardiff); 3, J Clay. Kilometre Madison TT: 1, Cardiff (S Lillistone and R Hughes) 1:01.160; 2, San Sebastian (J Olasa and O Alberdi) 1:01.334; 3, Manchester (B Steel and J Hargreaves) 1:01.498. Six-station pursuit (3km): 1, C Bell (London) 3:31.294; 2, P West (Manchester); 3, M Dunkel (Zurich). Sprint: 1, R Vink (Amsterdam) last 200m in 12.330; 2, P Jacques (Manchester); 3, S Kennedy (Cardiff). 30-lap scratch: 1, T Busenhart 8:52.620; 2, R Hayles (London); 3, J Hargreaves. Keirin: 1, C MacLean (Cardiff) last 200m in 11.870; 2, P Merk (Zurich); 3, R Vink. Final overall positions: 1, Zurich 32 pts; 2, Manchester 29; 3, Cardiff 22; 4, Amsterdam 18; 5, London 14; 6, San Sebastian 7. Non-match events: 4,000m pursuit challenge: A Wilkinson (Port Sunlight Wh) 4:41.99 bt C Flasse (Belgium) 4:45.95. 35-lap scratch: 1, M Sandstod (Denmark) 10:21.190; 2, P Peters (Holland); 3, J Dekkers (Belgium).

### Time trials

Manchester and District TTA (Goostrey, Cheshire, 25 miles): 1, G Thomas (Team Ambrosia) 57min 10sec; 2, K Murray (Army TTT) 59:11; 3, G Watts (Team Rapide) 1:00:33. Team (fastest third rider): Team Rapide 1:04:09. Barnesbury CC (Seaton Burn, Tyne and Wear, 10 miles): 1, B Walker (GS Metro) 23:04; 2, C Blacklock (Tyne Velo) 23:57; 3, G Coates (Cramlington CC) 25:11. Fullarton Wheelers (Irvine, Strathclyde, 10 miles): 1, R Todd (GS Modena) 23:20; 2, P Renne (Wallacehill CC) 24:08; 3, W McFarlane (Fullarton Wheelers) 24:34. Team: Wallacehill CC 1:17:57.

### Cyclo-cross

Beeston RC (Notts and Derbys League Bramcote Park, Nottingham, 9 miles): 1, D Baker (Team GT) 45:48; 2, D Barnett (Ace RT) at 1:27; 3, G Hardwicke (Shocktech-Continental) at 1:47. Cherry Valley RT (Louth, Lincolnshire, 11 miles): 1, D Barnett (Ace RT) 55:07; 2, N Hay (De Montfort CC) at 2:14; 3, D Bell (VC Lincoln) at 4:30. Derwentside CC (Meadfield, Durham, 10 miles): 1, S Ward (VC Azzurri) 56:53; 2, V Potter (Cleveland MBC) at 35sec; 3, S Wearmouth (MTS Cyclo Sport) at 1:07.

## EQUESTRIANISM

OLYMPIA: International Championships: Volvo World Cup qualifier: 1, Tees Hanauer (R Smith, GB) clear, 31.95sec; 2, Trudo King Darco (L Philippaerts, Bel) clear, 32.53; 3, Virtual Village Ashley (M Whitaker, GB) clear, 34.36. West European League positions (after 10 of 15 competitions): 1, P Raymakers (Hol) 72pts; 2, L Nieberg (Ger) 52; 3, F Sloothaak (Ger) 48; 4, M Whitaker (GB) 47. The Vink Snowmen Top Score: 1, Sprehe Ratina Z (L Beerbaum, Ger) 1,460pts; 2, Virtual Village Randi (J Whitaker, GB) clear 31.05; 3, Sonora La Silla (J Tops, Hol) clear 31.28. The Christmas Eve Six Bar: 1, Burg's Samantha (B Romp, Hol); 2, Amadeus (J Lansink, Hol); 3, Don Ramiro (B Mandli, Switz), Trudo Kaiser (E Wauters, Bel), Prokopp's A S (T Fruhmann, Austria), Ghandy (P Darragh, Ire) and Trudo Kunwald de Calgane (L Philippaerts, Bel)

## HOCKEY

NEW DELHI: Women's Indira Gandhi Gold Cup tournament: Final: Australia 6 South Korea 2.

KIDDERMINSTER: Midlands indoor championships: Stourport 6 Barford 5; Barford 5 Harborne 8; Harborne 3 Cannock 11; Stourport 8 Cannock 15; Harborne 9 Stourport 7; Barford 7 Cannock 9. Final positions: 1, Cannock; 2, Harborne; 3, Stourport; 4, Barford Tigers.

CLUB MATCHES: Men's: Bedford 2 Stevenage 1, Brentwood 0 Chelmsford 3, Firebrands II 12 Bridgwater 6; Isca A 3 Taunton Vale 2; Newbury 2 Indian Gymkhana 4; Northampton Saints 4 Oxford Hawks 1. Women's: Basingstoke 1 Woking 1A 2; Brentwood 3 Bishops Stortford II 1; Chichester 11 Worthing 1; Hayes 1 Harlow 1, Portishead and Firebrands 1 Bath 1, Wimbledon 1 Woking 0

## ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Friday: Dallas 4 Hartford 1; Buffalo 6 Los Angeles 2; Washington 3 San Jose 2; Florida 3 Chicago 1; Phoenix 5 Toronto 2; New Jersey 3 Edmonton 2; Vancouver 3 Detroit 2; Anaheim 7 Calgary 0. Saturday: Philadelphia 4 St Louis 0; Boston 4 Washington 3; Hartford 6 Tampa Bay 5 (OT); Dallas 3 New York Islanders 2; Pittsburgh 3 San Jose 1; Buffalo 3 Ottawa 2; New York Rangers 3 Montreal 2 (OT); Toronto 6 Colorado 2.

Eastern Conference

| Atlantic division | W | L | T | Pts | F | A |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Florida | 19 | 7 | 7 | 45 | 101 | 73 |
| Philadelphia | 21 | 12 | 2 | 44 | 108 | 84 |
| New Jersey | 19 | 11 | 2 | 40 | 89 | 77 |
| N Y Rangers | 17 | 14 | 5 | 39 | 124 | 97 |
| Washington | 14 | 18 | 2 | 30 | 91 | 95 |
| N Y Islanders | 11 | 14 | 8 | 30 | 87 | 92 |
| Tampa Bay | 11 | 18 | 3 | 25 | 91 | 103 |
| **Northeast division** | | | | | | |
| Buffalo | 18 | 14 | 2 | 38 | 102 | 95 |
| Hartford | 16 | 11 | 6 | 38 | 104 | 106 |
| Pittsburgh | 16 | 15 | 3 | 35 | 119 | 112 |
| Boston | 13 | 15 | 5 | 31 | 94 | 114 |
| Montreal | 12 | 17 | 5 | 29 | 111 | 119 |
| Ottawa | 9 | 15 | 7 | 25 | 81 | 97 |

Western Conference

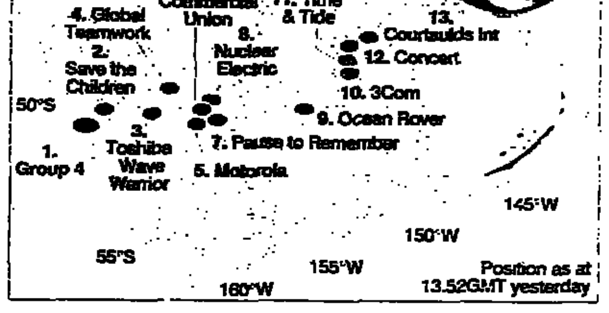
| Central division | W | L | T | Pts | F | A |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dallas | 21 | 10 | 3 | 45 | 99 | 72 |
| Detroit | 17 | 11 | 6 | 40 | 98 | 66 |
| Phoenix | 14 | 15 | 4 | 32 | 87 | 100 |
| St Louis | 15 | 19 | 1 | 31 | 94 | 116 |
| Chicago | 14 | 18 | 3 | 31 | 86 | 90 |
| Toronto | 14 | 21 | 0 | 28 | 104 | 122 |
| **Pacific division** | | | | | | |
| Colorado | 19 | 10 | 5 | 43 | 119 | 82 |
| Vancouver | 16 | 15 | 1 | 33 | 100 | 92 |
| Edmonton | 14 | 17 | 4 | 32 | 112 | 108 |
| Anaheim | 12 | 16 | 5 | 29 | 97 | 105 |
| Calgary | 12 | 18 | 5 | 29 | 82 | 100 |
| Los Angeles | 12 | 16 | 2 | 26 | 88 | 113 |
| San Jose | 11 | 19 | 4 | 25 | 81 | 109 |

SUPERLEAGUE: Basingstoke 4 Bracknell 3; Manchester 5 Ayr 5 (aet); Nottingham 6 Sheffield 2.

PREMIER LEAGUE: Guildford 7 Kingston 5; Peterborough 1 Slough 10; Telford 23 Medway 2.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Castlereagh 2 Fife 12; Murrayfield 3 Whitley 7; Paisley 15 Blackburn 5.

MOSCOW: Izvestia Cup: Final: Sweden 3 Russia 1. Third place play-off: Finland 5 Czech Republic 2.



BT GLOBAL CHALLENGE LATEST POSITIONS

Second leg Rio de Janeiro to Wellington 6,600 miles

Position as at 13.52GMT yesterday

DISTANCE TO WELLINGTON: 1, Group 4 1,136 miles; 2, Save The Children 1,174; 3, Toshiba Wave Warrior 1,260; 4, Global Teamwork 1,302; 5, Motorola 1,338; 6, Commercial Union 1,355; 7, Pause To Remember 1,369; 8, Nuclear Electric 1,370; 9, Ocean Rover 1,515; 10, 3Com 1,616; 11, Time & Tide 1,622; 12, Concert 1,638; 13, Courtaulds International 1,667; 14, Heath Insured II 1,976.

## LUGE

KOENIGSEE, Germany: World Cup: Men: Singles: 1, M Prock (Austria) 1min 35.622sec; 2, D Kennedy (US) 1:35.662; 3, J Mueller (Ger) 1:35.725; 4, G Hackl (Ger) 1:35.753; 5, N Huber (It) 1:35.831

## LACROSSE

SHEPHERD FRIENDLY SOCIETY LEAGUE: Premier division: Boardmen and Eccles 9 Cheadle 15, Heaton Mersey 16 Old Waconians 5, Stockport 13 Moorthorpe 5, Timperley 17 Cheadle Hulme 5, Hulmeians 8 Mellor 8

## RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: First round: Saturday: Askam 18 Thatto Heath 23, Barrow Island 18 Waterhead 8, Beverley 18 Embassy 12, Blackbrook 26 Kells 20; Dudley Hill 42 Park Amateurs 6; East Leeds 29 Kingston Comm 20; Eastmoor 26 Worth Village 0; Egremont 32 Folly Lane 14; Featherstone A 10 West Bowling 15; Hemel Hempstead 12 Leeds Univ 26; Heworth 24 Students RLO 8 B; Hull Dockers 32 Beons 5; Leigh East 12 Keighley Alb 14; Leigh Miners 23 Farnworth 16; Lock Lane 15 Stanningley 6; Normanton 8 Clayton 8; Oldham St A 12 Siddal 16; Redhill 33 London Colonials 12; Skirlaugh 21 Queens 10; Thornhill 40 New Earswick 14; Walney Central 34 Westfield Hotel 10; West Hull 34 East Hull 9; Woolston 82 Gateshead 4; York Acorn 22 Fryston 12. Postponed: Dewsbury Moor v Upton and Frickley; Mayfield v Eccles; Millom v Higginshaw; Moldgreen v Durham University; Oulton v Ideal A B I; Ovenden v Hensingham; Shaw Cross v B R K; Wigan St Judes v Wigan Rose Br; Wigan St Patricks v Halton SC. Yesterday: Blackpool 4 Haydock 34. Postponed: Saddleworth v Ellenborough

## SAILING

CLIPPER 96 RACE: Fourth leg (Panama to Galapagos Islands): 1, Taeping; 2, Ariel; 3, Chrysolite; 4, Mermerus; 5, Antiope; 6, Serica; 7, Blackadder; 8, Thermopylae. Overall positions: 1, Ariel 5pts; 2, Taeping 11; 3, Chrysolite 13; 4, Mermerus 16; 5, Thermopylae 22; 6, Antiope 24; 7, Blackadder 26; 8, Serica 27.

## SCHOOLS SPORT

### Athletics

TSB Schools Pentathlon Indoor International (Kelvin Hall, Glasgow): Boys Under-18: 1, C Lowe (Scot) 3,501; 2, B Barke (Ire) 3,462; 3, R Holinger (Eng) 3,384. Teams: 1, Scotland 9,955; 2, England 9,892; 3, Ireland 9,522. Girls Under-18: 1, K Livesey (Eng) 3,544; 2, D Freeman (Eng) 3,459; 3, C Cozens (Eng) 3,352. Teams: 1, England 10,255; 2, Ireland 9,235; 3, Scotland 9,042. Boys Under-16: 1, M Peleszok (Eng) 3,258; 2, P Phelan (Ire) 3,185; 3, J Anthony (Wales) 2,960. Teams: 1, England 9,077; 2, Wales 8,627; 3, Ireland 8,522. Girls Under-16: 1, S Adamson (Eng) 3,276; 2, M McLoone (Ire) 3,070; 3, S Davidge (Eng) 3,062. Teams: 1, England 9,350; 2, Ireland 9,058; 3, Scotland 8,475

### Football

FA Premier League under-16 Trophy: Essex 2 Sussex 4. London Cup under-15: Essex 3 Sussex 4; Suffolk 0 Cambridgeshire 2. English Knowles Cup under-14: Essex 4 Sussex 0; Suffolk 4 Cambridgeshire 1. Inter-town challenge: Bury 2 Blackburn 0; Huddersfield 0 Sheffield 5. Postponed: Nottingham v Grimsby. Lancashire Cup. Postponed: South Ribble v Blackpool. West Midlands league under-16: Nuneaton 0 Kings Norton and S Birmingham 5. Arsenal Trophy: South London 1 Blackheath 1. Wagner Trophy: Ealing 3 South Northants 1. Kay Trophy: Bermondsey 1 Hackney 4. BP League: Bristol 1 Swindon 3. Polarcup: Portsmouth 2 Gosport 0. Rangers Trophy: South London 6 Blackheath 2. Green Trophy: Macclesfield 2 Oldham 1. Southern League: Bristol 2 Southampton 0 Gosport 1 Reading 0. Guggenheim League: Gosport 0 Reading 4, Southampton 2 Swindon 1. Junior Star League: Sheffield 2 Huddersfield 2, Wakefield 1 South Northants 2. Nottinghamshire Cup Final: Nottingham A 1 Eastwood 3. West Yorkshire League: Huddersfield 0 Sheffield 3. Inter Association under-15: Sheffield 5 Huddersfield 0, Wakefield 2 South Notts 1, Bury 2 Blackburn 0. Under-14: Sheffield 2 Huddersfield 1 Wakefield 1 South Notts 3. Young Elizabethan League Under-10 league cup: Cotgrave Colts 0 Carlton Boys 99 1. Under-11: league cup: Attenborough Colts 4 Mountgreen Colts 2. Postponed: Bramcote v Gotham. Under-13: League cup: Bramcote 0 Pheasant Colts 4. Under-14: League Cup: Pegasus Youth 4 Gotham 2

## SKIING

VAL GARDENA, Italy: Men's World Cup Downhill: 1, K Ghedina (It) 2min 00.25sec; 2, L Alphand (Fr) 2:00.51; 3, F Strobl (Austria) 2:00.65; 4, A Skaardal (Nor) 2:01.05; 5, H Knauss (Austria) 2:01.12; 6, P Vitalini (It) 2:01.16. Leading World Cup downhill positions (after three races): 1, Alphand 220pts; 2, Ghedina 206; 3, F Strobl (Austria) 154; 4, Skaardal 145; 5, W Franz 142 (Austria); 6, Vitalini 126

ALTA BADIA, Italy: Men's World Cup giant slalom: 1, M von Gruenigen (Switz) 2:32.66; 2, S Locher (Switz) 2:33.43; 3, [illegible] (It) 2:34.15; 4, H Knauss (Austria) 2:34.68; 5, P Salzgeber (Austria) 2:34.73; 6, S Voglreiter (Austria) 2:34.79. World Cup giant slalom positions (after four races): 1, von Gruenigen 280 points; 2, Knauss 240; 3, Locher 225; 4, U Kaelin (Switz) 197; 5, F Nyberg (Swe) 182; 6, K Aamodt (Nor) 141. Leading World Cup overall positions: 1, Knauss 421pts; 2, Von Gruenigen 331; 3, Locher 295; 4, T Sykora 282 (Austria); 5, Aamodt 280; 6, Alphand 252

## SWIMMING

SHEFFIELD: British Winter Championships: Men: Freestyle: 50m: 1, M Foster (Lincoln) 22.26; 2, S Ernst (Jam) 22.43; 3, P Khmykin (Ukr) 22.74. 400m: 1, G Smith (Stockport) 3:48.85 (Scottish record); 2, [illegible] Wilson (Leeds) 3:49.26; 3, P Palmer (Lincoln) 3:49.79. Breaststroke: 100m: 1, R Maden (Rochdale) 1:01.27; 2, A Cram (Can) 1:01.75; 3, G Brettell (Manchester United/Salford) 1:02.00. 200m: 1, A Cram (Can) 2:11.94; 2, R Maden (Rochdale) 2:12.91; 3, A Turner (Manchester United/Salford) 2:14.40. Backstroke: 50m: 1, S Price (Barnet Copthall) 29.49; 2, Z Cray (Ipswich) 29.67; 3, H Barnes (Maranatha) 29.85. 100m: 1, M Harris (Tower Hamlets) 54.46; 2, N Willey (Barnet) and A Ruckwood (Birmingham) 54.47. Butterfly: 200m: 1, J Hickman (Stockport) 1:56.11; 2, M Watkins (Torfaen) 1:59.67 (Welsh record); 3, E Carr (Sheffield) 2:00.62. Individual Medley: 400m: 1, J Hickman (Stockport) 4:16.61 (British Record); 2, B Lafferty (Leeds) 4:18.89; 3, J Harris (Leatherhead) 4:23.72. Women: Freestyle: 50m: 1, L Nicholas (Can) 25.82; 2, W van Hofwegen (Hol) 25.84; 3, A Postma (Hol) 25.87. Breaststroke: 50m: 1, M Baans (Hol) 31.68; 2, J King (Waltham Forest) 31.83; 3, E Rodney (Coleraine) 32.66. Backstroke: 100m: 1, S Price (Barnet) 1:02.29; 2, L Graham (Sunderland) 1:02.40; 3, Z Cray (Ipswich) 1:02.58. Butterfly: 200m: 1, M Pedder (Portsmouth) 2:12.08; 2, S Simard (Can) 2:14.92; 3, S Flock (Reading) 2:16.25

## BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Friday: New York 110 Philadelphia 103; Atlanta 109 New Jersey 95; Cleveland 91 Toronto 82; Detroit 84 Indiana 75; Utah 98 Orlando 93; Denver 108 Vancouver 93; Portland 107 Dallas 77; Seattle 102 Los Angeles Clippers 86. Saturday: New York 95 Detroit 92; New Jersey 101 Boston 100; Chicago 111 Philadelphia 105; Charlotte 98 Atlanta 93; Minnesota 103 Los Angeles Lakers 88; San Antonio 101 Phoenix 88; Miami 86 Houston 66; Milwaukee 103 Orlando 85; Sacramento 101 Portland 99 (OT).

Eastern Conference

| Atlantic division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Miami | 19 | 7 | .731 | — |
| New York | 18 | 7 | .720 | ½ |
| Washington | 12 | 12 | .500 | 6 |
| Orlando | 9 | 13 | .409 | 8 |
| Philadelphia | 7 | 18 | .280 | 11½ |
| New Jersey | 6 | 16 | .273 | 11 |
| Boston | 5 | 18 | .217 | 12½ |
| **Central division** | | | | |
| Chicago | 23 | 3 | .885 | — |
| Detroit | 20 | 5 | .800 | 2½ |
| Cleveland | 16 | 8 | .667 | 6 |
| Atlanta | 15 | 9 | .625 | 7 |
| Charlotte | 14 | 11 | .560 | 8½ |
| Milwaukee | 14 | 11 | .560 | 8½ |
| Indiana | 11 | 12 | .478 | 10½ |
| Toronto | 9 | 17 | .346 | 14 |

Western Conference

| Midwest division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Utah | 20 | 4 | .833 | — |
| Houston | 21 | 5 | .808 | — |
| Dallas | 9 | 15 | .375 | 11 |
| Minnesota | 9 | 17 | .346 | 12 |
| Denver | 7 | 19 | .269 | 14 |
| San Antonio | 6 | 17 | .261 | 13½ |
| Vancouver | 5 | 22 | .185 | 16½ |
| **Pacific division** | | | | |
| L A Lakers | 19 | 9 | .679 | — |
| Seattle | 19 | 9 | .679 | — |
| Portland | 14 | 13 | .519 | 4½ |
| L A Clippers | 10 | 16 | .385 | 8 |
| Sacramento | 10 | 17 | .370 | 8½ |
| Golden State | 9 | 17 | .346 | 9 |
| Phoenix | 8 | 17 | .320 | 9½ |

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Derby 75 Chester 70; Leicester 96 London Towers 102; Newcastle 79 Birmingham 78; Hemel and Watford 67 Manchester 100; Thames Valley 102 Crystal Palace 96.

| | P | W | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| London Towers | 13 | 10 | 3 | 1116 | 980 | 20 |
| Sheffield | 14 | 10 | 4 | 1205 | 1038 | 20 |
| Chester | 14 | 9 | 5 | 1221 | 1157 | 18 |
| Leopards | 12 | 9 | 3 | 1184 | 1053 | 18 |
| Birmingham | 14 | 8 | 6 | 1139 | 1095 | 16 |
| Derby | 16 | 8 | 8 | 1399 | 1428 | 16 |
| Manchester | 14 | 8 | 6 | 1140 | 1078 | 16 |
| Newcastle | 11 | 8 | 3 | 991 | 961 | 16 |
| Leicester | 13 | 7 | 6 | 1110 | 1058 | 14 |
| Thames Valley | 13 | 5 | 8 | 1202 | 1229 | 10 |
| Crystal Palace | 15 | 3 | 12 | 1119 | 1274 | 6 |
| Worthing | 13 | 3 | 10 | 1034 | 1150 | 6 |
| Hemel and Wat | 14 | 0 | 14 | 1154 | 1483 | 0 |

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Mid Sussex 79 Brixton 74; Nottingham 92 Coventry 73; Oxford 113 Solent 68. Second division: Aston 92 Bournemouth 89; Chessington 67 Flintshire 71; Northampton 89 Swindon 83; Sheffield 53 London 80; South Wales 88 Derby 74. Women: First division: Northampton 55 Sheffield 67; Nottingham 58 Birmingham 78; Rhondda 73 Barking and Dagenham 46; Spelthorne 52 Harlesden 48. Second division: Chelmsford 46 Liverpool 58; Oxford 53 Manchester 50.

| | Depth (cm) L | U | Conditions Piste | Off/p | Runs to resort | Weather (5pm) | °C | Last snow |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ANDORRA** | | | | | | | | |
| Soldeu | 15 | 140 | fair | varied | icy | fair | 0 | 20/12 |
| *(Skiing generally good on hard-packed snow)* | | | | | | | | |
| **AUSTRIA** | | | | | | | | |
| Obergurgl | 40 | 150 | good | varied | good | cloud | 2 | 20/12 |
| *(Pistes in excellent shape: poor visibility though)* | | | | | | | | |
| St Anton | 50 | 190 | good | varied | fair | fair | 4 | 20/12 |
| *(Plenty of good skiing in all areas)* | | | | | | | | |
| **FRANCE** | | | | | | | | |
| Alpe d'Huez | 85 | 250 | good | heavy | good | cloud | 6 | 19/12 |
| *(Excellent skiing despite mild temperatures)* | | | | | | | | |
| Avoriaz | 130 | 150 | good | heavy | good | cloud | 5 | 19/12 |
| *(Excellent piste skiing)* | | | | | | | | |
| Chamonix | 20 | 275 | good | varied | fair | cloud | 5 | 19/12 |
| *(Generally great skiing: nearly everything open)* | | | | | | | | |
| Flaine | 85 | 230 | good | heavy | fair | cloud | 2 | 20/12 |
| *(Good snow on upper runs, heavier low down)* | | | | | | | | |
| S Chevalier | 80 | 200 | good | crusty | good | cloud | 5 | 22/12 |
| *(Superb piste skiing: no queues anywhere)* | | | | | | | | |
| **ITALY** | | | | | | | | |
| Cervinia | 110 | 240 | good | varied | good | fair | -1 | 19/12 |
| *(Great skiing but mixed visibility)* | | | | | | | | |
| Livigno | 90 | 210 | good | varied | good | fair | -3 | 19/12 |
| *(Excellent christmas conditions: resort getting busy)* | | | | | | | | |
| **SWITZERLAND** | | | | | | | | |
| Mürren | 70 | 170 | good | powder | good | fair | 1 | 21/12 |
| *(Good snow everywhere including home runs)* | | | | | | | | |
| Saas Fee | 70 | 320 | good | varied | good | cloud | 3 | 19/12 |
| Verbier | 65 | 230 | good | varied | good | cloud | -2 | 19/12 |
| *(Plenty of snow at all altitudes)* | | | | | | | | |
| Wengen | 40 | 100 | good | heavy | fair | cloud | 1 | 20/12 |
| *(Great December skiing: snow heavy lower down)* | | | | | | | | |

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

Michael von Gruenigen, of Switzerland, keeps a tight line in the men's World Cup giant slalom race at Alta Badia. Von Gruenigen beat Steve Locher, also of Switzerland, by 0.77 seconds. Photograph: Armando Trovati

# RUGBY UNION

### Pilkington Cup

#### Fifth round

**Bath 33 London Irish 0**

Bath: Tries: Guscott 3, Perry, Sleightholme. Cons: Callard 4.

**Coventry 79 Kendal 17**

Coventry: Tries: Gallagher 3, Hart 2, Harris, McAdam, Robinson 2, Smallwood, penalty try. Cons: Harris 9. Pens: Harris 2. Kendal: Tries: Dodds, Downham, Healey. Con: J Hudson.

**Gloucester 55 Leeds 20**

Gloucester: Tries: Benton, Glanville, Lloyd 2, Mapletoft 2, Sims. Cons: Mapletoft 4. Pens: Mapletoft 4. Leeds: Tries: Morgan, penalty try. Cons: Tupuiotu 2. Pens: Ainscough 2.

**Harlequins 47 Cheltenham 11**

Harlequins: Tries: Connolly 2, Luger, O'Leary 4, Paul, Pilgrim. Con: Pilgrim. Cheltenham: Try: Mudway. Pens: Watts 2.

**Leicester 26 Newbury 21**

Leicester: Tries: Hackney, Potter, Underwood. Con: R Liley. Pens: Austin, R Liley 2. Newbury: Tries: Brammer, Holloway, Johnson. Pens: Clark, N Grecian

**Moseley 49 Wigton 6**

Moseley: Tries: Ball, Charron, Le Bas, O'Mahoney 3, Wilkinson. Cons: Le Bas 4. Pens: Le Bas 2. Wigton: Pens: Richardson 2.

**Nottingham 11 London Scottish 25**

Nottingham: Try: Sussum. Pen: N Carroll. Dropped goal: Evans. London Scottish: Tries: A Jackson, Tarbuck, Wichary. Cons: Dix, Steele. Pen: Steele. Dropped goal: Steele.

**Orrell 34 Bedford 31**

Orrell: Tries: Anglesea, Hamer, Heslop. Cons: Hitchmough 2. Pens: Hitchmough 3. Dropped goals: Hamer, McCarthy. Bedford: Tries: Murray, Offiah, Whetstone. Cons: Rayer 2. Pens: Rayer 4 (aet).

**Preston G 11 Northampton 40**

Preston Grasshoppers: Try: Ashton. Pens: Kerry 2. Northampton: Tries: Beal 2, Phillips 2, Tatupu, Townsend. Cons: Grayson 5

**Reading 3 Saracens 41**

Reading: Pen: Bachelet. Saracens: Tries: Bracken, Ebongalame 2, Kebbie, P Wallace, Tunningley, penalty try. Cons: Lynagh 3

**Rotherham 41 Rosslyn Park 26**

Rotherham: Tries: Binns, Harper, Miller, Spence, Webster, West. Cons: Lax 4. Pen: Lax. Rosslyn Park: Tries: Graves, McLeod. Cons: Holder 2. Pens: Holder 4

**Sale 34 Richmond 30**

Sale: Tries: C Yates, Rees, penalty try. Cons: Mannix 2. Pens: Mannix 5. Richmond: Tries: A Moore, Mason. Con: Mason. Pens: Mason 6.

**Wakefield 22 Waterloo 17**

Wakefield: Tries: Croft, Massey, Maynard. Cons: Jackson 2. Pen: Jackson. Waterloo: Try: White. Pens: C Thompson 4

*(at Sudbury)*

**Wasps 84 Rugby 8**

Wasps: Tries: Greenstock 3, Gregory, Griffiths, James, Macer, Rees 2, Roiser 3, Scrivener, Tuigamala. Cons: Rees 7. Rugby: Try: Carter. Pen: Gillooly.

Yesterday

**Bristol 60 Blackheath 17**

Bristol: Tries: Barrow, Breeze 2, Burke 2, Hinkins, Regan, Tiueti 2. Cons: Burke 4. Tainton 2. Pen: Burke. Blackheath: Tries: Ekoku, Gallagher, Howard. Con: Howard

**Newcastle 51 West Hartlepool 10**

Newcastle: Tries: Armstrong 2, Bentley, penalty try, Underwood 2, Weir. Cons: Andrew 5. Pens: Andrew 2. West Hartlepool: Try: Silva. Con: Stabler. Pen: Stabler.

### Courage Clubs Championship

#### Third division

**Exeter 48 Havant 5**

Exeter: Tries: Dovell 4, Hutchinson 2, Rowe, Woodman. Cons: Green 3. Havant: Try: Pearce.

**Harrogate 27 Fylde 19**

Harrogate: Tries: Bell, Brain, Taylor. Pens: Zoing 4. Fylde: Tries: Preston 2. Pens: Gough 3.

**London Welsh 27 Morley 22**

London Welsh: Tries: Lubliner, Raymond, Tucker. Pens: Raymond 4. Morley: Tries: Crossley, Holdsworth, Shephard, Smith. Con: Peacock.

**Lydney 35 Redruth 7**

Lydney: Tries: Jewitt, Kirby, Saville 2, penalty try. Cons: Morris 2. Pens: Morris 2. Redruth: Try: Cook. Con: I Morgan

**Wharfedale 24 Liverpool St H 15**

Wharfedale: Tries: Buckroyd, McManus, Walker 2. Cons: Dawes, Mounsey. Liverpool St Helens: Pens: Brett 5.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fylde | 12 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 355 | 181 | 21 |
| Exeter | 12 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 380 | 169 | 18 |
| Leeds | 12 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 446 | 239 | 18 |
| Morley | 12 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 332 | 200 | 18 |
| Lydney | 12 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 305 | 277 | 14 |
| Harrogate | 12 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 304 | 279 | 12 |
| Wharfedale | 12 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 276 | 253 | 12 |
| Otley | 11 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 288 | 288 | 12 |
| London W | 12 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 235 | 248 | 10 |
| Walsall | 11 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 237 | 297 | 10 |
| Rosslyn Park | 11 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 194 | 286 | 10 |
| Redruth | 12 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 233 | 389 | 10 |
| Reading | 11 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 301 | 280 | 9 |
| Havant | 12 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 235 | 332 | 6 |
| Liverpool St H | 12 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 202 | 315 | 4 |
| Clifton | 12 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 201 | 497 | 4 |

LEADING SCORERS: 173: G Ainscough (Leeds; 6 tries, 22 conversions, 33 penalty goals). 171: S Gough (Fylde; 2t, 25c, 36pg, 1 dropped goal). 145: P Rutledge (Otley; 4t, 25c, 25pg). 140: C Raymond (London Welsh; 3t, 13c, 30pg, 3dg). 137: P Morris (Lydney; 2t, 17c, 31pg). 128: R Mills (Walsall; 1t, 15c, 30pg, 1dg). 107: R Zoing (Harrogate; 19c, 22pg, 1dg). 99: I Morgan (Redruth; 2t, 13c, 21pg). 96: A Green (Exeter; 2t, 19c, 14pg, 2dg). 89: A Peacock (Morley; 16c, 19pg). Tries: 10: R Bell (Harrogate), S Dovell (Exeter), R Mathias (Leeds), M Preston (Fylde). 8: P Congo (Redruth), M Stubbs (Lydney). 7: G Anderton (Fylde), E Rombo (Morley), C Walker (Wharfedale)

#### Fourth division north

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Birmingham | 30 | Sandal | 12 |
| Manchester | 32 | Aspatria | 22 |
| Stoke-on-Trent | 5 | Sheffield | 23 |
| Stourbridge | 38 | Nuneaton | 13 |
| Worcester | 40 | Hereford | 3 |

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Worcester | 10 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 319 | 132 | 18 |
| Birmingham | 10 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 262 | 135 | 16 |
| Preston G | 9 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 210 | 127 | 14 |
| Sheffield | 10 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 246 | 161 | 13 |
| Sandal | 10 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 202 | 224 | 12 |
| Stourbridge | 10 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 276 | 263 | 11 |
| Manchester | 10 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 215 | 209 | 9 |
| Kendal | 9 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 189 | 177 | 8 |
| Aspatria | 10 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 285 | 279 | 8 |
| Lichfield | 9 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 188 | 264 | 8 |
| Winnington P | 9 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 204 | 212 | 7 |
| Hereford | 10 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 167 | 261 | 6 |
| Stoke-on-T | 10 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 151 | 310 | 4 |
| Nuneaton | 10 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 143 | 274 | 2 |

#### Fourth division south

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Barking | 25 | Weston-s-Mare | 11 |
| Charlton Park | 15 | Askeans | 15 |
| High Wycombe | 33 | North Walsham | 8 |
| Met Police | 17 | Henley | 20 |
| Plymouth | 16 | Camberley | 0 |

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Newbury | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 345 | 121 | 18 |
| Henley | 10 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 327 | 191 | 18 |
| Camberley | 10 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 280 | 165 | 15 |
| Met Police | 10 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 265 | 156 | 14 |
| Cheltenham | 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 207 | 133 | 13 |
| H Wycombe | 10 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 259 | 247 | 10 |
| Plymouth | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 217 | 225 | 10 |
| Barking | 10 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 268 | 210 | 9 |
| N Walsham | 10 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 177 | 286 | 7 |
| Weston-s-M | 10 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 173 | 196 | 6 |
| Tabard | 9 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 148 | 180 | 6 |
| Berry Hill | 9 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 171 | 260 | 4 |
| Askeans | 10 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 155 | 349 | 3 |
| Charlton Park | 10 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 124 | 397 | 3 |

RFU INTERMEDIATE CUP: Fifth round: North: Belgrave 35 Wolverhampton 19; Broadstreet 28 Luctonians 16, Doncaster 41 Darlington Mowden Park 22, Huddersfield 15 Selly Oak 8; Lincoln 8 Whitchurch 33; Market Bosworth 20 West Park Bramhope 10; Sedgley Park 22 Middlesbrough 28; Wirral 20 Northern 35. South: Cambridge 19 Coney Hill 8; Cinderford 13 South Molton 0; Colchester 35 Oxford 6; Guildford and Godalming 18 Merton 17, Old Verulamian 31 Maidenhead 14, Thanet Wanderers 29 St Ives 12; Warlingham 6 Sudbury 14; Woodford 23 Torquay Athletic 28.

RFU JUNIOR CUP: Fifth round: London and South East: Deal Wanderers 10 Folkestone 12; Enfield Ignatians 6 Old Abbotstonians 7, Hadleigh 66 Midland Bank 5; Harpenden 24 Felixstowe 11; Old Rutlishians 3 Tonbridge 10. Midlands: Hope Valley 16 Loughborough Students 22; Market Rasen and Louth 10 Northampton Casuals 7. Postponed: Birmingham City Officials v Alcester. North: Billingham 18 Seghill 8; Crewe and Nantwich 8 Wallasey 5, Redditch 10 Huddersfield YMCA 35, Southport 28 York Railway Institute 7. South and South West: Chipping Sodbury 6 Topsham 12; Milton Keynes 0 Painswick 3, Tadley 17 Winscombe 13; Wells 10 Westbury on Severn 0

CLUB MATCHES: Biggar 27 Stewartry 32; Boroughmuir 24 Currie 21; Edinburgh Acads 39 Jed-Forest 14; Gala 44 Preston Lodge 14; Glasgow Acads 28 Glasgow HK 17; Glasgow Southern 50 Kilmarnock 11, West of Scotland 37 Heriots FP 14; Winnington Park 36 Walsall 19.

### Swalec Cup

#### Fifth round

**Rhymney 31 Ammanford 19**

Rhymney: Tries: Edwards, Forrest, Jones, Rees. Con: D Thomas. Pens: D Thomas 2, Roberts. Ammanford: Tries: Collins, Howells, Potter. Cons: Potter 2.

**UWIC 6 Abertillery 11**

UWIC: Pens: Saverzano 2. Abertillery: Try: Howard. Pens: M Williams 2.

**Whitland 18 Builth Wells 0**

Whitland: Tries: Holding 2. Con: Pearce. Pens: Pearce 2.

**Abercarn 22 Ystradgynlais 31**

Abercarn: Tries: Lane, Price, Topp. Cons: Patterson 2. Pen: Patterson. Ystradgynlais: Tries: Morgan, Nottingham 2, R Jones. Con: Nottingham. Pens: Nottingham 3.

**Newcastle E 29 Resolven 12**

Newcastle Emlyn: Tries: E Jones, Evans, M Jones, Thomas. Cons: I Jones 3. Pen: I Jones. Resolven: Tries: Evans, R Williams. Con: D Williams

POSTPONED: Blackwood v Hirwaun

### SIXTH ROUND

Rhymney v Treorchy; Llandovery v Pyle; Pontypool v Pencoed; South Wales Police v Blackwood or Hirwaun; Newcastle Emlyn v Gilfach Goch; Dinas Powys v Pontycymmer; Penygraig v Carmarthen Quins; Swansea v Dunvant; Newport v Cardiff; Whitland v Ystradgynlais; Cross Keys v Abertillery; Caerphilly v Llanelli; Neath v Abercynon; Aberavon v Ebbw Vale; Bridgend v Newbridge; Felinfoel v Pontypridd

☐ Ties to be played January 25

WELSH NATIONAL LEAGUE: Postponed: First division: Caerphilly v Newport, Cardiff v Swansea, Ebbw Vale v Dunvant, Llanelli v Bridgend, Pontypridd v Neath, Treorchy v Newbridge. Second division: Aberavon v Maesteg; Blackwood v Pontypool; Llandovery v Cross Keys; Ystradgynlais v South Wales Police. Third division: Kenfig Hill v Pyle, Llanharan v Tenby United, Narberth v Merthyr, Penarth v Rumney; Tondu v Mountain Ash

### SRU inter-district championship

**Caledonia 26 Scottish Borders 26**

Caledonia: Tries: Herrington, Longstaff. Cons: McKenzie 2. Pens: McKenzie 4. Scottish Borders: Tries: Stanger, Welsh. Cons: Parker 2. Pens: Parker 4

*(at Murrayfield)*

**Edinburgh 13 Glasgow 23**

Edinburgh: Try: Paterson. Con: Hodge. Pens: Hodge 2. Glasgow: Tries: Logan, MacGregor, Stark. Con: MacGregor. Pen: MacGregor. Dropped goal: MacGregor

*(at Murrayfield)*

### Tennents Premiership

#### Third division

**Stewarts Mel FP 10 Musselburgh 20**

Stewarts Mel FP: Try: Douglas. Con: G Pollock. Pen: G Pollock. Musselburgh: Tries: Clark, Hamilton, Livingston. Con: Lockhart. Pen: Lockhart

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kirkcaldy | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 305 | 115 | 16 |
| Musselburgh | 9 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 207 | 147 | 12 |
| Kilmarnock | 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 207 | 172 | 12 |
| Preston Lodge | 9 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 230 | 208 | 10 |
| Selkirk | 9 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 183 | 226 | 10 |
| Peebles | 9 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 190 | 243 | 6 |
| Glasgow S | 9 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 165 | 200 | 4 |
| Stewarts Mel | 9 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 111 | 287 | 0 |

#### Fourth division

**Corstorphine 30 Hillhead/J'hill 24**

Corstorphine: Tries: Barry, Cross, Zavaroni 2. Cons: G Liddle 2. Pens: G Liddle 2. Hillhead/Jordanhill: Tries: Adair, Graham, Reid, Roberts. Cons: B Stewart 2.

**Grangemouth 16 Gordonians 20**

Grangemouth: Try: Rutherford. Con: Rennie. Pens: Rennie 3. Gordonians: Tries: Lipp, Mackay 2, N Smith.

**Langholm 30 Haddington 14**

Langholm: Tries: K Graham, M Grieve 2, Park. Cons: Park 2. Pens: Park 2. Haddington: Tries: G Cringan, Pate. Cons: G Cringan 2

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gordonians | 9 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 198 | 112 | 16 |
| Ayr | 10 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 201 | 144 | 14 |
| Hillhead/J | 9 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 225 | 169 | 10 |
| Corstorphine | 9 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 174 | 150 | 10 |
| Glenrothes | 9 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 168 | 168 | 10 |
| Grangemouth | 10 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 181 | 178 | 9 |
| Haddington | 9 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 111 | 248 | 3 |
| Langholm | 9 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 142 | 231 | 2 |

### Insurance Corporation League

#### First division

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ballymena | 16 | Old Crescent | 9 |
| Garryowen | 53 | Dungannon | 31 |
| Lansdowne | 47 | Instonians | 10 |
| Old Belvedere | 12 | Blackrock Col | 10 |
| Old Wesley | 6 | Terenure Col | 11 |
| St Mary's Col | 13 | Shannon | 11 |
| Young Munster | 19 | Cork Const | 25 |

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lansdowne | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 102 | 28 | 6 |
| St Mary's Col | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 77 | 43 | 6 |
| Blackrock Col | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 65 | 36 | 4 |
| Shannon | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 57 | 38 | 4 |
| Cork Const | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 58 | 43 | 4 |
| Terenure Coll | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 49 | 44 | 4 |
| Garryowen | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 89 | 90 | 4 |
| Old Wesley | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 35 | 36 | 2 |
| Dungannon | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 81 | 85 | 2 |
| Young Munster | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 53 | 58 | 2 |
| Old Belvedere | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 36 | 48 | 2 |
| Ballymena | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 27 | 66 | 2 |
| Old Crescent | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 33 | 67 | 0 |
| Instonians | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 21 | 91 | 0 |

#### Second division

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Clontarf | 18 | Highfield | 12 |
| Dolphin | 32 | Derry | 19 |
| Greystones | 13 | DLSP | 25 |
| Malone | 41 | Wanderers | 14 |
| Monkstown | 13 | Sunday's Well | 24 |
| NIFC | 16 | UCC | 25 |
| Skerries | 22 | Bective Rangers | 15 |

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Clontarf | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 63 | 27 | 6 |
| Dolphin | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 78 | 55 | 5 |
| Bective R | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 99 | 51 | 4 |
| Skerries | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 53 | 57 | 4 |
| Sunday's Well | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 74 | 80 | 4 |
| UCC | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 62 | 69 | 4 |
| DLSP | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 62 | 60 | 3 |
| Monkstown | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 57 | 66 | 3 |
| Wanderers | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 51 | 74 | 3 |
| Greystones | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 58 | 45 | 2 |
| NIFC | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 93 | 93 | 2 |
| Malone | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 49 | 59 | 2 |
| Derry | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 51 | 76 | 0 |
| Highfield | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 42 | 80 | 0 |

FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool one: Grenoble 25 Agen 18; Dax 57 Perigueux 18, Castres 44 Nimes 12; Toulouse 21 Bourgoin 3; Biarritz 23 Beziers 18. Pool two: Brive 15 Pau 8; Toulon 18 Perpignan 24; Paris UC 13 Dijon 22; Narbonne 13 Montferrand 17 Begles-Bordeaux 25 Colomiers 23

# GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

## TODAY

### FOOTBALL

*Kick-off 7.30 unless stated*
** denotes all-ticket match*

**FA Carling Premiership**
Newcastle v Liverpool (8.0)

**FA Cup**
**Second round replay**
Burnley v Walsall (7.45)

FA CARLSBERG VASE: Third round second replay: Collier Row and Romford v Braintree

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Wimbledon v Chelsea (at Plough Lane, 2.0). League Cup: Oxford United v Swindon

PONTINS LEAGUE CUP: Premier division: Manchester United v Derby (6.30). Group three: Manchester City v Tranmere (at Witton Albion FC, 7.0); Stoke v Wrexham (7.0). Group five: Notts County v Leicester (7.0).

FA YOUTH CUP: Second round replay: Gravesend and Northfleet v Enfield

SCHOOLS MATCHES: FA Premier League Trophy: Under-19: Kent v Middlesex (11.0). Under-16: Kent v Surrey (2.0); Inner London v Norfolk (11.30). London Cup: Kent v Surrey (2.0); Inner London v Norfolk (11.30). English Knowles Cup: Kent v Surrey (2.0), Inner London v Norfolk (11.30)

### OTHER SPORT

RACING: Kelso (12.45); Ludlow (1.0)

## THURSDAY

### FOOTBALL

*Kick-off 3.0 unless stated*

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Aston Villa v Chelsea, Blackburn v Newcastle, Leeds v Coventry; Liverpool v Leicester; Middlesbrough v Everton, Nottingham Forest v Manchester United, Sheffield Wednesday v Arsenal (5.45), Sunderland v Derby; Tottenham v Southampton (noon), Wimbledon v West Ham (noon)

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Bradford v Sheffield United; Grimsby v Bolton; Ipswich v Crystal Palace, Manchester City v Port Vale, Oldham v Birmingham (1.0); *Portsmouth v Swindon; Queens Park Rangers v Norwich (noon), Reading v West Bromwich; Southend v Charlton (noon), Stoke v Barnsley; Tranmere v Huddersfield; Wolverhampton v Oxford United. Second division: *Blackpool v Burnley; Bournemouth v Bristol Rovers (noon), Bristol City v Shrewsbury (noon), Bury v Crewe, Chesterfield v Rotherham (noon), Gillingham v Luton (noon), Millwall v Peterborough (noon), Plymouth v Brentford; Watford v Notts County (noon), Wrexham v Stockport; Wycombe v Walsall, York v Preston. Third division: Barnet v Mansfield (1.0); Brighton v Colchester (noon); Cambridge United v Scunthorpe, Cardiff v Torquay; Carlisle v Hartlepool; Chester v Rochdale; Doncaster v Scarborough; Fulham v Exeter (noon), Hereford v Swansea; Hull v Lincoln, Leyton Orient v Northampton (noon), Wigan v Darlington.

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Altrincham v Macclesfield; Farnborough v Bath, Gateshead v Stalybridge, Halifax v Northwich, Hayes v Woking; *Kettering v Rushden and Diamonds, Kidderminster v Bromsgrove (11.30); Southport v Morecambe, Stevenage v Slough; Telford v Hednesford, Welling v Dover (11.30).

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Aberdeen v Celtic, Dundee United v Motherwell, Dunfermline v Hearts, Hibernian v Kilmarnock, Rangers v Raith. First division: East Fife v St Mirren, Greenock Morton v Clydebank; Partick v Dundee, St Johnstone v Falkirk. Second division: Ayr v Hamilton, Dumbarton v Stranraer. Third division: Albion v Forfar, Arbroath v Ross County

### RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Bridgend v Moseley (2.30); Hartlepool Rovers v West Hartlepool (2.15), Hawick v Jed-Forest (2.0), Kelso v Selkirk (2.0); Melrose v Gala (2.0); Newcastle v Northern (3.0), Northampton v Stirling County (3.0), Redruth v Camborne (2.30), Stourbridge v Dudley Kingswinford (2.30)

### RUGBY LEAGUE

CLUB MATCHES: Batley v Dewsbury (noon), Huddersfield v Keighley (1.0), Leeds v Halifax (11.30), Wigan v St Helens (3.0), Workington v Carlisle (11.0)

### OTHER SPORT

ICE HOCKEY: Superleague: Basingstoke v Nottingham (3.0), Sheffield v Cardiff (5.30)

RACING: Ayr (12.25), Hereford (1.05), Huntingdon (12.30), Kempton Park (12.40), Market Rasen (12.30), Newton Abbot (1.25), Sedgefield (12.40); Wetherby (12.45), Wincanton (12.45), Wolverhampton (1.0)

## FRIDAY

ICE HOCKEY: Superleague: Manchester v Cardiff (7.30)

RACING: Chepstow (12.20), Kempton (12.40), Leicester (12.55); Musselburgh (12.35), Wetherby (1.0)

## SATURDAY

### FOOTBALL

*Kick-off 3.0 unless stated*

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Arsenal v Aston Villa; Chelsea v Sheffield Wednesday, Coventry v Middlesbrough, Derby v Blackburn; Everton v Wimbledon, *Leicester v Nottingham Forest, Manchester United v Leeds, Newcastle v Tottenham, West Ham v Sunderland

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Barnsley v Manchester City, Bolton v Southend, Charlton v Wolverhampton, Crystal Palace v Stoke; Huddersfield v Ipswich; Norwich v Bradford; Oxford United v Reading; Port Vale v Portsmouth, Sheffield United v Oldham; Swindon v Grimsby; West Bromwich v Queens Park Rangers. Second division: Brentford v Chesterfield, *Bristol Rovers v Millwall; Burnley v Gillingham; Crewe v Bournemouth, Luton v Wycombe, Notts County v Plymouth, Peterborough v Wrexham; Preston v Bristol City, Rotherham v Bury; Shrewsbury v York, Stockport v Watford, Walsall v Blackpool. Third division: Colchester v Fulham, Darlington v Leyton Orient; Exeter v Cardiff; Hartlepool v Hereford; Lincoln v Chester; Mansfield v Doncaster; Northampton v Barnet, Rochdale v Hull, Scarborough v Brighton, Scunthorpe v Wigan, Swansea v Carlisle; Torquay v Cambridge United

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Altrincham v Bromsgrove; Farnborough v Dover; Gateshead v Halifax, Kidderminster v Bath; Northwich v Morecambe, Southport v Hednesford; Stalybridge v Rushden and Diamonds, Stevenage v Hayes, Telford v Welling, Woking v Slough

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Aberdeen v Hibernian, Celtic v Dunfermline, Hearts v Motherwell, Kilmarnock v Rangers; Raith v Dundee United. First division: Airdrie v Partick, Clydebank v St Johnstone, Dundee v East Fife, St Mirren v Falkirk, Stirling v Greenock Morton. Second division: Berwick v Ayr, Brechin v Dumbarton, Hamilton v Livingston, Queen Of South v Clyde; Stranraer v Stenhousemuir. Third division: Alloa v Inverness CT, Cowdenbeath v Albion, East Stirling v Arbroath, Forfar v Queen's Park

### RUGBY UNION

*Kick-off 2.30 unless stated*

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Harlequins v Leicester (2.15), London Irish v West Hartlepool (3.0), Saracens v Orrell (3.0); Wasps v Northampton (at Loftus Road, 3.0). Second division: Nottingham v Bedford (3.0); Richmond v Coventry (3.0), Rotherham v Blackheath (2.15); Rugby v London Scottish (3.0), Wakefield v Moseley; Waterloo v Newcastle (2.15). Third division: Fylde v Leeds (2.15), Havant v Harrogate; Liverpool St Helens v Exeter; London Welsh v Clifton; Morley v Lydney (3.0); Otley v Wharfedale (2.15); Reading v Rosslyn Park, Redruth v Walsall. Fourth division north: Aspatria v Worcester, Hereford v Kendal, Nuneaton v Stoke-on-Trent, Sandal v Lichfield (2.15); Sheffield v Manchester, Stourbridge v Preston Grasshoppers; Winnington Park v Birmingham/Solihull. Fourth division south: Askeans v Plymouth; Camberley v Newbury; Charlton Park v Henley; Cheltenham v Barking; North Walsham v Berry Hill, Tabard v High Wycombe, Weston-super-Mare v Metropolitan Police (3.0)

WELSH LEAGUE: First division: Bridgend v Treorchy; Cardiff v Pontypridd; Dunvant v Caerphilly, Neath v Llanelli; Newbridge v Ebbw Vale, Newport v Swansea. Second division: Aberavon v UWIC, Abertillery v Llandovery, Cross Keys v Bonymaen, Maesteg v Ystradgynlais, Pontypool v Abercynon; South Wales Police v Blackwood

CLUB MATCHES: Ayr v Wigtownshire (2.0); Boroughmuir v Edinburgh Wanderers (2.0); East Kilbride v Currie (2.0), Forrester FP v Corstorphine (2.0), Glasgow H K v Kilmarnock (2.0); Gala v Stewarts Mel FP (2.0), Glasgow Acads v Melrose (2.0), Glasgow Southern v West of Scotland (2.0), Glenrothes v Madras Coll FP (2.0), Haddington v Preston Lodge (2.0), Kelso v Alnwick (2.0), Kirkcaldy v Stirling County (2.0); Langholm v Jed-Forest (2.0), Peebles v Biggar (2.0).

### OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Bupa cross-country international (at Durham)

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Derby v Leicester (7.30), Worthing v Newcastle (8.0)

ICE HOCKEY: Superleague: Bracknell v Manchester (6.0), Sheffield v Nottingham (6.40).

SNOOKER: Dr Martens European League (at Diamond Centre, Irthlingborough)

RACING: Folkestone (1.05); Huntingdon (12.40), Newbury (1.15), Newcastle (1.0)

## SUNDAY

### FOOTBALL

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Southampton v Liverpool (4.0)

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Birmingham v Tranmere (2.10)

### RUGBY UNION

*Kick-off 3.0 unless stated*

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Bristol v Gloucester; Sale v Bath

SRU INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP: Caledonia v Edinburgh (at Rubislaw, 1.30), Glasgow v Scottish Borders (at New Anniesland, 2.0).

### RUGBY LEAGUE

*Kick-off 2.0 unless stated*

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: First round: Moldgreen v Durham Univ; Mayfield v Eccles; Wigan St Judes v Wigan Rose Bridge, Wigan St Pats v Halton Simms Cross (2.30), Saddleworth v Ellenborough (2.30), Dewsbury Moor v Upton and Frickley; Oulton v Ideal ABI, Ovenden v Hensingham

CLUB MATCHES: Hull v York; Oldham Bears v Swinton Lions

### OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Chester v Worthing (6.0), Manchester v Derby (7.0), Sheffield v Leopards (5.30), Birmingham v Thames Valley (7.0)

ICE HOCKEY: Superleague: Nottingham v Newcastle (7.30)

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# Capitalisation, week's change

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4,489.80 | Allied Domecq | 425 | + 5½ | 6.9 | 12.8 |
| 289.10 | Bulmer (HP) | 547½ | + 5 | 3.1 | 16.1 |
| 41.50 | Burn Stewart | 70 | - 1 | 6.1 | 74.4 |
| 100.80 | Glenmorangie A† | 865 | + 17½ | 1.8 | 23.5 |
| 9,574.60 | Grand Met | 455½ | + 22½ | 4.5 | 14.4 |
| 8,742.90 | Guinness | 453 | + 18½ | 4.2 | 14.1 |
| 448.90 | Highland Distl† | 337½ | - 2½ | 3.1 | 16.3 |
| 227.90 | Matthew Clark | 257½ | - 2½ | 11.7 | 12.3 |
| 71.70 | Minyden Wt | 107½ | - ½ | 5.3 | 14.5 |
| 4,108.60 | SA Breweries† | 1393½ | - 68½ | 2.3 | ... |

## BANKS

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11,583.60 | ABN-AMRO | 3821½ | + 187½ | 3.2 | 14.7 |
| 18,538.40 | Abbey Ntl | 749 | + 42½ | 3.9 | 13.8 |
| 2,641.20 | Allied Irish | 392½ | | 4.6 | 11.3 |
| 5,130.20 | Aus New Z | 369½ | + 10½ | 5.1 | .. |
| 24,622.30 | Bank America | 6037½ | + 368½ | | |
| 3,701.40 | Bank Scotland | 310 | + 16 | 2.9 | 11.4 |
| 15,317.50 | Barclays | 994 | - 8½ | 3.5 | 10.9 |
| 2,488.80 | Bk of Ireland | 517½ | .. | 4.0 | 11.7 |
| 124.40 | Cater Allen† | 381½ | | 9.8 | 15.1 |
| 30,236.40 | Citicorp | 6246½ | + 300 | | |
| 381.70 | Close Bros | 316 | | 4.0 | 12.7 |
| 4,786.30 | Commerzbk | 1337½ | - 12½ | 3.5 | .. |
| 28,555.60 | Dai Ichi Kan Y | 900 | - 12½ | 0.5 | |
| 13,173.00 | Deutsche Bk | 2771½ | - 28½ | 2.5 | |
| 166.80 | Espirito Santo | 781¼ | + 3½ | 4.2 | 11.3 |
| 36,569.30 | Fuji Bank Y | 917 | - 30½ | 0.5 | |
| 132.50 | Gerrard Nat | 271 | - 4 | 10.6 | 11.0 |
| 395.80 | Hambros† | 223½ | - 1 | 4.2 | 18.9 |
| 11,157.80 | HSBC | 1282½ | + 50 | 3.7 | 12.1 |
| 22,369.60 | HSBC HK | 1249 | + 44½ | 3.8 | 11.8 |
| 417.50 | Irish Perm | 485½ | .. | 2.9 | 13.3 |
| 48.20 | King Shaxson† | 182½ | | 6.2 | 20.4 |
| 24.60 | Leopold J† | 465 | + 4½ | 5.2 | 27.5 |
| 22,195.60 | Lloyds TSB | 433 | + 30 | 3.5 | 18.3 |
| 10,043.80 | Nat Aust Br | 691 | - 12½ | 5.9 | 9.4 |
| 11,554.60 | Nat West | 676½ | + 13½ | 4.9 | 9.7 |
| 29.50 | Rea Brothers | 60 | - ½ | 2.1 | 23.6 |
| 4,410.50 | Ryl Bk Scott | 540½ | + 3 | 4.3 | 12.0 |
| 2,295.20 | Schroders | 1520 | + 15 | 7.4 | 17.3 |
| 595.10 | Schroders N/V | 1322½ | + 45 | 1.7 | 15.0 |
| 256.60 | Singer & Fried | 128 | | 4.2 | 9.4 |
| 7,045.90 | Stand Chart | 717½ | + 27½ | 2.1 | 14.0 |
| 25.70 | Union | 96½ | .. | 3.9 | 10.4 |
| 16,081.10 | Wells Fargo | £164¾ | | 1.9 | |
| 6,488.40 | Westpac | 341½ | + 5 | 3.9 | 17.1 |
| 26.40 | Winterflood | 307½ | | 5.1 | 15.4 |

## BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9.00 | Abrdn Sk H/C | 75 | + 5 | | 11.2 |
| 7,188.30 | Bass† | 815 | + 19½ | 3.8 | 16.1 |
| 13.10 | Brit Ins the Bdr | 53 | | 4.2 | 14.3 |
| 36.50 | Burtonwood Brwf | 175½ | | 4.0 | 15.8 |
| 267.70 | City Centre Rest | 138 | + 6 | 2.0 | 26.0 |
| 1,363.10 | Compass Gp | 618½ | - 1 | 1.8 | 24.3 |
| 56.40 | Eldridge P 'A' | 261½ | - 3½ | 2.6 | 15.8 |
| 60.60 | Fuller Sm 'A' | 442½ | | 2.7 | 14.6 |
| 1,725.40 | Greenalls Gp | 584½ | + ½ | 3.3 | 17.7 |
| 394.20 | Greene King | 661½ | - 6 | 3.1 | 15.9 |
| 24.90 | Grosvenor Inns | 175 | - 7½ | 4.1 | 18.6 |
| 41.60 | Groupe Chez Ge | 222½ | | 1.6 | 21.6 |
| 56.20 | Hardy Hanson | 281 | - 4 | 4.8 | |
| 79.00 | Hall J | 2725 | | 2.6 | 14.7 |
| 30.50 | Inn Business | 64 | | 1.1 | 30.2 |
| 219.00 | Mansfield† | 337½ | + 6½ | 2.3 | 15.5 |

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 241.10 | Braemar | 631½ | + 5 | 2.9 | 18.1 |
| 5.50 | Bridgend Gp† | 20 | | 1.2 | .. |
| 23.70 | Brit Fittings | 99½ | + 10 | 4.7 | 11.4 |
| 10.10 | Callyns† | 307½ | + 2½ | 4.7 | 12.8 |
| 59.40 | Car Group | 190 | + 20½ | 2.6 | 18.5 |
| 29.30 | Caverdale | 110 | - 3½ | 3.9 | 7.2 |
| 31.80 | Charles Sidney | 76½ | + 1½ | 6.2 | 10.8 |
| 24.10 | Cook (DC) | 56 | - 1½ | 5.1 | 6.5 |
| 22.20 | Dag Motors | 96½ | | 10.0 | 6.8 |
| 23.60 | Dowmans B | 133½ | - 2 | 2.5 | 13.4 |
| 205.20 | Diplomat | 367 | + 5 | 4.9 | 13.6 |
| 1,909.40 | Electrocomponts† | 460½ | + 3½ | 1.9 | 27.9 |
| 96.00 | Eurotis Elec | 163½ | + 3½ | 3.7 | 15.8 |
| 52.20 | Eurodollar† | 106½ | - 1 | 7.0 | 10.8 |
| 42.10 | European Mtr | 78½ | - 1½ | 8.4 | 8.0 |
| 70.60 | Evans Halshaw | 220 | | 9.4 | 9.6 |
| 6.59 | File Indexer | 42½ | | 9.7 | 6.4 |
| 157.80 | Finelist Grp | 315½ | + 2½ | 2.5 | 18.1 |
| 30.60 | Gardiner | 28½ | - 4½ | 3.9 | 11.4 |
| 19.00 | Glasdon | 63 | | 2.1 | 18.6 |
| 7.59 | Greetings | 62½ | | 4.2 | 14.0 |
| 23.70 | Hamlet | 79½ | + 2½ | 9.4 | 7.4 |
| 27.30 | Harris (Philip)† | 249 | + 1½ | 4.4 | 15.1 |
| 138.10 | Headlam | 260 | - 9 | 2.8 | 21.5 |
| 4.71 | Holders Tech | 151 | + 1 | 5.0 | 14.2 |
| 97.50 | ISA Intl | 242½ | + 22½ | 1.3 | 22.1 |
| 1,396.40 | Inchcape† | 256½ | - ½ | 4.0 | 21.9 |
| 5.87 | Jacks (Wm) | 52½ | + 2 | 4.6 | 18.1 |
| 385.40 | Kwik-Fit | 218½ | - 1½ | 3.0 | 17.5 |
| 359.00 | Lex Service | 315½ | - 12 | 6.1 | 10.7 |
| 35.40 | Lookers | 106 | .. | 8.4 | 6.2 |
| 18.40 | Malaya Grp | 51¼ | | 7.3 | 12.1 |
| 46.20 | Middlesex | 6 | | 1.6 | 9.2 |
| 20.50 | Mitchell | 39 | | 0.8 | ... |
| 49.40 | Norbain† | 470 | - 11 | 2.1 | 13.0 |
| 51.90 | Northamber | 305 | + 18½ | 0.9 | 9.1 |
| 11.10 | PCT@ | 125 | | 7.7 | 11.7 |
| 155.00 | Partco | 321½ | | 2.8 | 15.4 |
| 132.50 | Pendragon | 342½ | | 3.4 | 16.6 |
| 48.50 | Perry Gp | 190 | | 5.5 | 9.7 |
| 1,926.30 | Premier Farnell | 709½ | + 28½ | 2.0 | 27.6 |
| 94.00 | Quicks Group | 146½ | | 5.5 | 11.0 |
| 26.40 | REA | 280 | + 5 | 1.7 | 34.8 |
| 4.43 | Reece | 2½ | | | |
| 24.60 | Ronson | 27½ | + 5½ | 6.8 | 9.5 |
| 4.43 | Ross Gp | 3 | | | |
| 34.60 | SEP Indl | 39½ | - 1½ | 5.8 | |
| 17.50 | Sellar | 67½ | | 1.9 | 21.9 |
| 205.70 | Time Products† | 381 | + 21 | 3.6 | 15.6 |
| 25.10 | UMECO | 228 | - 28½ | 2.7 | 16.2 |
| 165.60 | Vardy (Reg) | 292½ | .. | 2.8 | 13.7 |
| 71.10 | WF Elect | 497½ | | 3.2 | 21.2 |
| 39.90 | Wilshaw† | 32 | - ¼ | 3.3 | 9.5 |
| 97.60 | Wyko | 140½ | + 1 | 2.0 | 19.9 |
| 20.70 | Young (H)† | 134½ | + 2 | 4.2 | |

## DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6.89 | Anglo Utd | 8½ | | | 3.0 |
| 538.30 | Antofagasta | 342½ | - 2½ | 1.9 | 11.3 |
| 224.20 | Ascot Hldgs | 285 | - 7½ | 2.3 | |
| 15,195.20 | Broken Hill | 933½ | + 10½ | 2.9 | 19.4 |
| 10,908.90 | BTR | 271½ | + 21 | 4.4 | 30.3 |
| 14,870.40 | BAT | 480 | - 10½ | 6.4 | 9.3 |
| 220.50 | [illegible] | 144½ | + 6 | 4.0 | |
| 210.20 | Bibby (J) | 134½ | + 6½ | 7.0 | 7.9 |
| 1,477.30 | Brierley Inv | 55½ | + ¼ | 8.4 | 9.3 |
| 644.30 | Charter | 730½ | - 6 | 4.8 | 10.4 |
| 1,564.30 | Cookson | 227 | + 19½ | 4.6 | 12.1 |
| 25.90 | Cosalt | 212½ | .. | 5.9 | |
| 210.70 | DCC† | 280½ | | 3.3 | 10.9 |
| 132.20 | Grampian Hdg | 117½ | + 3 | 6.6 | 12.1 |
| 4,219.30 | Hanson† | 81 | - ½ | 18.5 | 4.1 |
| 901.60 | Harrison Crsfld | 1265 | - 5 | 8.9 | 12.4 |

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 121.50 | Quadramatic | 246½ | - 1 | 4.8 | . |
| 4.31 | Quadrant Gp | 11½ | .. | 2.7 | .. |
| 0.88 | Radiant Metal | 65 | ... | | ... |
| 70.40 | Ransomes | 51 | - ½ | 3.1 | 11.1 |
| 19.00 | Record | 55½ | | 8.1 | 10.7 |
| 167.30 | Renold† | 245 | + 5 | 3.7 | 11.0 |
| 0.77 | Richards Group# | 8½ | .. | 18.4 | |
| 29.90 | Richardson West | 82½ | - 1 | 5.5 | 9.4 |
| 3,746.50 | Rolls-Royce† | 254 | + 13 | 2.5 | 25.2 |
| 224.30 | Rotork | 256 | - 2½ | 3.1 | 21.2 |
| 159.00 | Rubicon | 181½ | - 5½ | 4.1 | 13.4 |
| 843.30 | SKF 'B' | 1321¼ | + 12½ | 3.5 | 8.2 |
| 328.00 | Senior Eng | 108 | - ½ | 4.1 | 14.8 |
| 63.30 | [illegible] | 323½ | + 2 | 1.4 | 26.7 |
| 4,883.70 | Siebe | 1022½ | + 45 | 1.7 | 21.3 |
| 53.50 | Simon Eng | 34 | + ½ | 2.4 | 12.7 |
| 126.00 | Six Hundred | 229 | - 2 | 2.6 | 4.5 |
| 2,343.90 | Smiths Indt | 768½ | + 22½ | 2.8 | 19.7 |
| 533.80 | Spirax-Sarco | 676½ | - 17½ | 2.5 | 18.8 |
| 91.40 | Stirling Ind | 300½ | ... | 3.7 | 14.9 |
| 2,687.00 | TI | 564½ | + 27½ | 3.0 | 20.1 |
| 18.50 | Tinsley (E) | 113½ | | 6.6 | 11.8 |
| 174.90 | Transtec† | 105½ | - 7 | 2.7 | 19.8 |
| 134.70 | Triplex Lloyd† | 205 | - 1½ | 4.3 | 11.6 |
| 50.40 | Unicorn Ind | 150½ | | 4.6 | 13.4 |
| 21.70 | Utd Inds | 48½ | | 6.8 | 7.9 |
| 867.10 | Vickers | 258 | + 6 | 3.4 | 15.9 |
| 10.30 | Villers Eng | 9½ | - ½ | | |
| 342.90 | Vitec† | 707 | + 2½ | 1.9 | 13.2 |
| 280.70 | Vosper Thornyt | 869 | - ½ | 3.5 | 14.5 |
| 156.10 | Wagon Ind | 295½ | | 8.6 | 8.8 |
| 527.30 | Weir | 263 | + 13½ | 3.6 | 16.4 |
| 58.40 | Wellington Hdg | 247½ | | 3.9 | 15.4 |
| 41.60 | Wellman | 28½ | + 1 | 8.0 | 6.1 |
| 18.40 | Wescol | 52½ | | 2.4 | 20.1 |
| 127.90 | Whatman | 542 | - 25 | 2.8 | 22.2 |
| 7.80 | Widney | 64½ | + 2 | 7.1 | |

## ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 117.20 | Adwest | 141½ | + 1½ | 6.9 | 30.1 |
| 16.00 | Airflow Stream† | 188 | | 5.3 | 8.1 |
| 190.30 | Avon Rubber | 705 | + 16 | 3.5 | .. |
| 285.70 | BSG† | 96½ | - ¼ | 4.2 | 15.0 |
| 40.80 | Bestobell | 241½ | - 7½ | 3.5 | 9.9 |
| 18.90 | Boustead# | 16½ | . | 7.6 | 38.7 |
| 28.70 | EVF | 283 | | 1.9 | |
| 107.00 | First Tech | 677 | + 2 | 1.8 | 18.9 |
| 3,503.50 | GKN | 992½ | - 49 | 3.1 | 17.2 |
| 23,369.10 | General Mtr | 3287½ | | 2.9 | |
| 285.40 | Hardys | 538½ | - 4 | 3.0 | 13.7 |
| 16,788.40 | Honda Motor | 1721 | + 88 | 0.4 | |
| 563.80 | Laird | 398½ | - 3½ | 3.8 | 12.9 |
| 9.60 | Loades | 480 | + 5 | 0.3 | . |
| 3,331.70 | LucasVarity | 232½ | + 7 | 0.8 | |
| 334.90 | Mayflower | 153 | + 10½ | 1.7 | 43.5 |
| 40.20 | Sylone | 169½ | + 1 | 4.5 | 12.0 |
| 698.90 | T & N | 169 | - 1½ | 4.4 | 11.9 |
| 157.10 | Trinity Hldgs | 280½ | - 4 | 3.8 | 14.1 |

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20.60 | Johnson Fry | 138½ | - ½ | 3.7 | 6.0 |
| 1,120.70 | Liberty Intl | 403 | + 16½ | 4.7 | 22.8 |
| 290.40 | Lon Forfaiting | 282½ | + 6 | 4.6 | 12.3 |
| 147.30 | London Pacific | 203½ | + 1 | 8.3 | 10.0 |
| 118.90 | Lon Scot Bk | 86½ | + ½ | 3.4 | 14.2 |
| 451.40 | Man ED & F† | 173½ | + 2½ | 7.4 | 8.3 |
| 827.70 | M & G | 1112½ | + 22½ | 4.1 | 16.5 |
| 2,284.30 | [illegible] | 1253 | + 20½ | 3.9 | 21.9 |
| 100.10 | Nat Home Loan | 114 | | 2.7 | |
| 629.70 | Perpetual† | 2265 | + 17½ | 3.1 | 16.8 |
| 1,340.80 | Provident | 493½ | + 21 | 3.8 | 18.6 |
| 33.50 | Rathbone Bros | 305 | - 5 | 4.3 | 13.8 |
| 169.60 | [illegible] Tst | 53½ | | 3.0 | 19.9 |
| 17.10 | SEC Group | 104½ | - 1½ | 5.8 | .. |
| 40.40 | S & U | 410 | - 2 | 5.0 | 10.3 |
| 6.18 | [illegible] | 40 | | | |
| 3.13 | Trio Hldgs | 3½ | - ½ | ... | ... |

## PHARMACEUTICALS

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1,337.60 | Brit Biotech | 204 | - 8½ | ... | ... |
| 99.60 | Cantab Pharms | 642½ | + 12½ | ... | ... |
| 989.70 | Celltech | 485 | - 18½ | ... | .. |
| 264.90 | Chiroscience | 313½ | + 4½ | ... | .. |
| 219.80 | Cortecs | 170 | + 3½ | ... | ... |
| 33,455.40 | Glaxo Wellc | 944 | + 1½ | 4.0 | 13.5 |
| 287.80 | ML Laboratories | 180½ | - 2 | ... | 51.9 |
| 901.50 | Medeva | 257½ | - 3 | 2.1 | 14.6 |
| 71.70 | Peptide Thera | 211½ | + 12 | ... | ... |
| 508.30 | Scotia | 687 | + 48½ | ... | ... |
| 122.70 | Shire Pharms | 201½ | + 7½ | ... | 30.6 |
| 254.70 | SkyePharma | 73½ | - 2½ | ... | .. |
| 22,287.50 | SmithKline† | 812 | + 4½ | 2.4 | 28.4 |
| 78.10 | Therp Antb Inc | 385 | - 35 | ... | .. |
| 127.60 | Vanguard | 515 | - 20 | ... | .. |
| 15,398.20 | Zeneca | 1626 | + 18½ | 2.5 | 35.4 |

## PRINTING & PAPER

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29.40 | AG Holdings† | 140 | ... | 5.4 | 11.6 |
| 196.70 | API | 700 | + 2½ | 2.0 | .. |
| 15.50 | App Hldg | 58½ | | | ... |
| 1,428.40 | Arjo Wiggins | 173½ | + 15½ | 5.4 | ... |
| 15.30 | Aspen Comm@ | 98 | - 30½ | 7.9 | 7.8 |
| 38.50 | Bath Press | 17¼ | | 3.2 | 9.7 |
| 177.50 | Bemrose | 420½ | + 12 | 4.4 | 14.8 |
| 157.10 | [illegible] | 217 | + 6½ | 1.4 | 18.4 |
| 801.60 | Bowater Inc | 2160½ | - 20 | .. | |
| 226.30 | [illegible] | 338½ | - 2 | 1.1 | 25.0 |
| 286.50 | Br Polythene | 707½ | - 18 | 3.8 | 15.1 |
| 3.21 | Br Thornton | 20 | | | |
| 204.30 | Britton Grp† | 147 | - 4 | 2.7 | 12.6 |
| 1,002.60 | Bunzl† | 234 | + 3½ | 3.3 | 13.8 |
| 70.00 | Capital Inds | 206½ | + 8 | 3.3 | 14.3 |
| 27.50 | Cooper (Jewel)† | 331½ | + 3 | 1.5 | 12.1 |
| 1,271.20 | De La Rue† | 568½ | + 31 | 5.3 | 14.6 |
| 6.48 | Delyn Group# | 74½ | - ½ | 3.4 | 14.8 |
| 45.70 | Dolphin Pack | 195½ | ... | 3.7 | 15.9 |
| 30.89 | Fairway Group | 76½ | | 6.5 | 12.6 |
| 95.80 | Ferguson Intl | 236½ | + 3½ | 7.9 | 12.6 |
| 39.10 | [illegible] | 139½ | - 1 | 3.4 | 9.6 |
| 71.07 | Inveresk | 135 | - ½ | 5.4 | 12.1 |
| 98.90 | Jarvis Porter† | 207½ | - 3 | 4.2 | 12.2 |
| 415.30 | Low & Bonar | 418½ | + 12 | 4.1 | 11.6 |
| 150.90 | MY Holdings† | 111½ | + ½ | 2.7 | 17.0 |
| 219.60 | Macfarlane | 178 | + ½ | 2.8 | 14.8 |
| 18.80 | Nobo Gp | 85 | + 1½ | 8.2 | 7.0 |
| 41.20 | Photobition | 392½ | + 10½ | 2.1 | 20.0 |
| 79.20 | [illegible] | 165½ | + 7 | 5.6 | 16.0 |
| 33.80 | Porter Chadburn† | 38 | - ½ | 1.1 | 10.2 |
| 1,737.00 | REXAM | 344½ | + 6½ | 5.1 | 16.5 |

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 640.70 | Lloyds Chem | 508½ | + ½ | 2.6 | 19.1 |
| 1,119.40 | MFI | 189½ | - 8½ | 3.1 | 18.2 |
| 13,862.90 | Marks Spencer† | 472½ | - 10½ | | 18.6 |
| 311.30 | Menzies (John) | 554 | - 4 | 3.1 | 13.8 |
| 19.40 | Merchant Retail | 22½ | + ¼ | ... | 26.9 |
| 205.30 | Moss Bros | 1180 | + 10 | 2.0 | 23.6 |
| 2,096.40 | Next† | 544¼ | - 18 | 3.0 | 22.5 |
| 10.20 | Oliver (G) | 401½ | + 2 | | |
| 286.10 | [illegible] | 635 | ... | 2.9 | 16.3 |
| 18.50 | Partridge Fine | 74½ | - ½ | 4.9 | 12.6 |
| 13.80 | QS Hldgs | 35 | - 1 | 5.6 | .. |
| 101.20 | Rosebys | 310½ | + 18 | 2.5 | 23.3 |
| 1,368.30 | Sears | 89 | - 3 | 5.5 | 72.5 |
| 90.80 | Signet Group | 31 | + 4½ | | ... |
| 1,192.60 | Smith WH | 422 | - 3 | 4.6 | .. |
| 384.70 | Sothebys | 1075 | ... | 1.8 | |
| 1,809.60 | Storehouse† | 259 | + 11½ | 3.6 | 17.3 |
| 88.70 | Stylo | 149 | + 1 | 3.5 | 23.1 |
| 131.00 | T & S Stores | 182 | + 10½ | 5.0 | 11.7 |
| 1,089.50 | Thorn | 251½ | + ½ | 6.7 | 22.3 |
| 95.80 | Tie Rack† | 187½ | + ½ | 1.9 | 18.7 |
| 8.04 | Upton & South | 3½ | ... | | 33.5 |
| 3,760.50 | Vendome† | 539 | - 1 | 2.4 | 20.0 |
| 38.40 | WEW Group | 25 | - 1 | ... | ... |
| 259.90 | Wickes† | 68½ | - ½ | | |
| 9.86 | Wld of Leather | 81½ | + 4 | 2.6 | ... |
| 90.60 | Wyevale | 233½ | - 1½ | 3.1 | 17.4 |

## SUPPORT SERVICES

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1,630.10 | ADT | 1390 | + 177½ | ... | ... |
| 308.00 | AEA Tech† | 385 | + 15 | 2.4 | 17.8 |
| 189.30 | Alpha Airpts | 107½ | + 1½ | 5.8 | 13.7 |
| 15.00 | Alphameric | 35 | - ½ | .. | 13.7 |
| 328.40 | [illegible] | 357 | + 7 | 2.2 | 28.0 |
| 33.00 | BNB Res | 153½ | | 5.5 | 8.3 |
| 88.30 | BPP | 372½ | + 12 | 3.9 | 18.0 |
| 51.30 | BSM | 184 | | 4.8 | 12.2 |
| 402.50 | BTG | 460 | + 7½ | 1.1 | |
| 134.90 | [illegible]@ | 475 | ... | | |
| 43.60 | Brit Data Mgt | 174½ | | 3.9 | 21.0 |
| 71.20 | Brooks Service | 87½ | - 1 | 4.8 | 14.0 |
| 240.30 | Business Post | 475 | + 6 | 2.4 | 24.3 |
| 542.20 | CMG | 846 | + 1 | 0.9 | 38.1 |
| 349.60 | CRT Gp | 249½ | - ½ | 2.1 | 31.2 |
| 17.10 | Caird Gp | 682½ | + 5 | 0.6 | 4.9 |
| 277.40 | Capita Group | 475 | + 2½ | 1.2 | 39.3 |
| 2.73 | [illegible] | 6½ | - ½ | 5.7 | |
| 832.40 | Chubb Sec | 331 | + 17½ | 3.3 | 16.8 |
| 255.80 | Corp Services | 172½ | - 1 | 3.3 | 21.0 |
| 26.80 | Coutts Consig | 55 | - ½ | 4.9 | 17.7 |
| 44.80 | DCS Gp | 233½ | + 17 | 0.8 | 29.5 |
| 323.80 | Davis Service | 235 | + 19 | 5.1 | 12.7 |
| 197.20 | Delphi | 685 | + 30 | 0.8 | 23.9 |
| 22.70 | Dudley Jenkins | 171 | + 1 | 2.6 | 23.5 |
| 13.10 | EW Fact | 72 | + 7 | 2.9 | 11.0 |
| 18.30 | [illegible] | 70 | | 4.0 | |
| 158.60 | FI Group | 537½ | + 38½ | 1.0 | 46.8 |
| 2,307.20 | Hays | 595½ | + 19 | 1.8 | 25.0 |
| 281.80 | Hogg Robinson† | 298½ | + 8 | 3.8 | 13.7 |
| 189.50 | JBA Hldgs | 487 | + 9 | 1.0 | 29.7 |
| 128.50 | Johnson Clean | 268 | - 6½ | 5.5 | 10.8 |
| 31.00 | Kalamazoo† | 107½ | | 4.9 | 11.1 |
| 66.70 | Kewill Syst | 525 | + 11½ | 2.0 | 14.3 |
| 25.60 | [illegible] | 100 | + 10 | | |
| 8.97 | Laser-Scan | 38 | ... | | |
| 34.00 | Lavendon | 159½ | + 3 | 2.7 | 12.4 |
| 73.00 | Leigh | 119½ | + 3½ | 4.5 | |
| 570.50 | Logica | 889½ | + 15 | 1.1 | 33.6 |
| 81.70 | [illegible] Hldgs† | 83½ | + 1 | 2.6 | 15.6 |
| 35.10 | MDIS | 33½ | - 3 | 4.3 | ... |
| 64.20 | MMT Comp† | 544 | + 4 | 2.0 | 23.5 |
| 47.40 | MR Group | 85 | + 3½ | 5.3 | 15.7 |
| 96.50 | Macro 4 | 490 | | 6.2 | 13.0 |
| 1,445.30 | [illegible] | 1943½ | - 9½ | 0.4 | ... |

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## BRITISH FUNDS

| Stock Outstanding (£m) | Stock | Price £ | Wkly +/- | Int yld % | Grs red yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **SHORTS (under 5 years)** | | | | | |
| 1,988 | Treas 7% 1997 | 100 | - | 6.98 | 6.46 |
| 1,290 | Treas 13¼% 1997 | 102 | - | 13.18 | 5.77 |
| 3,700 | Exch 10½% 1997 | 101 | - | 10.43 | 6.18 |
| 5,550 | Treas 8¾% 1997 | 101¼ | - | 8.62 | 6.47 |
| 830 | Exch 15% 1997 | 106½ | - | 14.06 | 6.58 |
| 3,550 | Exch 9¾% 1998 | 103 | - | 9.46 | 6.64 |
| 8,150 | Treas 7¼% 1998 | 100 | - | 7.20 | 6.69 |
| 970 | Treas 14% 1998-01 | 109 | - | 12.78 | 6.78 |
| 905 | Treas 15½% 1998 | 114 | - | 13.56 | 6.85 |
| 3,909 | Exch 12% 1998 | 103 | - | 11.01 | 6.95 |
| 1,900 | Treas 9½% 1999 | 104 | - | 9.07 | 7.01 |
| 2,050 | Exch 12¼% 1999 | 110 | - | 11.05 | 6.90 |
| 1,252 | Treas 10½% 1999 | 107 | - | 9.75 | 7.02 |
| 6,950 | Treas 6% 1999 | 97 | - | 6.14 | 6.93 |
| 1,798 | Conv 10¼% 1999 | 108 | - | 9.47 | 7.12 |
| 5,358 | Conv 9% 2000 | 105 | - | 8.56 | 7.17 |
| 9,800 | Treas 8% 2000 | 102 | - | 7.80 | 7.23 |
| 3,171 | Treas 13% 2000 | 117 | - | 11.05 | 7.26 |
| 4,406 | Treas 10% 2001 | 109 | - | 9.14 | 7.32 |
| 12,750 | Treas 7% 2001 | 98 | - | 7.09 | 7.32 |
| **MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)** | | | | | |
| 6,527 | Treas 9¾% 2002 | 110 | - | 8.83 | 7.45 |
| 8,000 | Treas 8% 2003 | 103 | - | 7.72 | 7.45 |
| 2,503 | Treas 10% 2003 | 113 | - | 8.84 | 7.49 |
| 1,620 | Treas 11½% 2001-04 | 114 | - | 10.01 | 7.34 |
| 543 | Fund 3½% 1999-04 | 83 | + | 4.20 | 6.29 |
| 1,412 | Conv 9½% 2004 | 111½ | + | 8.52 | 7.53 |
| 6,500 | Treas 6¾% 2004 | 95 | + | 7.00 | 7.50 |
| 10,373 | Treas 8½% 2005 | 105 | + | 8.02 | 7.57 |
| 4,842 | Conv 9½% 2005 | 111½ | + | 8.51 | 7.58 |
| 2,300 | Treas 12½% 2003-05 | 126 | - | 9.88 | 7.54 |
| 11,700 | Treas 7½% 2006 | 99 | + | 7.58 | 7.60 |
| 3,900 | Treas 7¾% 2006 | 100 | + | 7.68 | 7.62 |
| 2,050 | Treas 8% 2002-06 | 101 | + | 7.80 | 7.55 |
| 3,150 | Treas 11¾% 2003-07 | 120 | - | 9.76 | 7.52 |
| 7,397 | Treas 8½% 2007 | 105 | + | 8.03 | 7.64 |
| 5,621 | Treas 9% 2008 | 110 | + | 8.17 | 7.67 |
| 3,450 | Treas 8% 2009 | 102 | + | 7.83 | 7.71 |
| **LONGS (over 15 years)** | | | | | |
| 4,750 | Treas 6¼% 2010 | 87 | + | 7.16 | 7.75 |
| 5,273 | Conv 9% 2011 | 110 | + | 8.17 | 7.74 |
| 5,380 | Treas 9% 2012 | 111 | + | 8.09 | 7.74 |
| 1,000 | Treas 5½% 2008-12 | 81½ | + | 6.74 | 7.49 |
| 6,100 | Treas 8% 2013 | 102 | + | 7.83 | 7.76 |
| 800 | Treas 7¾% 2012-15 | 99 | + | 7.76 | 7.74 |
| 12,500 | Treas 8% 2015 | 102 | + | 7.78 | 7.72 |
| 7,550 | Treas 8¾% 2017 | 109 | + | 7.98 | 7.77 |
| 1,000 | Exch 12% 2013-17 | 142 | | 8.45 | |
| 9,000 | Tr 8% 2021 | 103 | + | 7.76 | 7.71 |
| **UNDATED** | | | | | |
| 1,909 | War Ln 3½% | 44 | + ½ | 7.82 | ... |
| 475 | Treas 2½% | 32 | + | 7.65 | |
| 359 | Consols 4% | 49 | + | 8.04 | .. |
| **INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:** | | | | 10% | 5% |
| 800 | Treas IL 4⅝% 1998 | 113½ | + | 0.65 | 2.14 |
| 2,150 | Treas IL 2½% 2001 | 194 | + | 2.64 | 3.25 |
| 2,150 | Treas IL 2½% 2003 | 181 | + | 2.87 | 3.33 |
| 1,150 | Treas IL 4⅜% 2004 | 117 | + | 2.95 | 3.36 |
| 2,750 | Treas IL 2% 2006 | 190 | + | 3.11 | 3.42 |
| 2,400 | Treas IL 2½% 2009 | 171 | + | 3.22 | 3.47 |
| 2,850 | Treas IL 2½% 2011 | 177 | + | 3.29 | 3.52 |
| 3,400 | Treas IL 2½% 2013 | 149 | + | 3.38 | 3.56 |
| 3,400 | Treas IL 2½% 2016 | 154 | + | 3.41 | 3.60 |
| 3,350 | Treas IL 2½% 2020 | 149 | | 3.48 | 3.63 |
| 3,250 | Treas IL 2½% 2024 | 123 | - | 3.48 | 3.62 |
| 1,300 | Treas IL 4⅛% 2030 | 121 | + | 3.49 | 3.63 |

# Walton takes on the Church with plan for centre

By Jason Nissé

THE former owner of Aintree racecourse, home of the Grand National, is submitting plans to build Britain's fourth largest conference centre in the middle of Liverpool as part of a £200 million development.

The move, by Walton Group, headed by Bill Davies, the property developer, is to add fire to the battle to redevelop Chervasse Park, a stretch of land which links Liverpool city centre with Albert Dock, home of the northern arm of the Tate Gallery.

Walton's scheme is in competition with a £90 million plan, devised by Derrick Walters, the Dean of Liverpool, and supported by the city council, to put a technology and leisure centre on the site. This project requires £24.6 million of lottery funding and has been put on hold by the Millennium Commission which wants to visit the site before making a final decision on February 11.

However Dean Walters has yet to secure the £50 million of private sector finance needed for the project. Alastair McDonald of Liverpool City Council said he thought that there would not be a problem convincing the commission that the money would be in place.

However the council has signed a contract to sell the site for £16 million to Walton Group, which in the 1980s owned Aintree Racecourse.

Walton's solicitors wrote to the commission urging them to block the Walters scheme.

The property developer wants to build an 800,000 sq ft shopping centre with 4,000 car parking spaces. It is now to submit plans to build a 5,000-seat conference centre and to purchase the freehold of the adjacent Liverpool Moat House, which it will redevelop in conjunction with Queens Moat Houses, the hotels group.

The new hotel will have at least 150 rooms and could be expanded further.

"This is a plan to put Liverpool back on the map," said Mr Davies. "In the past 25 years Liverpool has dropped from number three destination for shopping to number 17."

☐ Hopes were growing yesterday for a big new investment in Scotland, creating up to 3,000 jobs. Reports indicated that Locate in Scotland — the job-hunting arm of Scottish Enterprise, the Scottish Office and the Lanarkshire Development Agency — was close to clinching a deal with First Direct, the telephone banking group. The bank has been planning to site a base in the unemployment blackspot of Mossend in Lanarkshire.

## CHANGE ON WEEK

### THE POUND

US dollar
1.6668 (+0.0088)
German mark
2.5899 (+0.0258)
Exchange index
94.1 (+0.9)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

### STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2790.40 (+52.10)
FTSE 100
4077.6 (+105.2)
New York Dow Jones
6484.40 (+179.53)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
19690.46 (-650.93)

## TOURIST RATES

| | Bank Buys | Bank Sells |
|---|---|---|
| Australia $ | 2.18 | 2.02 |
| Austria Sch | 19.17 | 17.67 |
| Belgium Fr | 58.19 | 51.89 |
| Canada $ | 2.378 | 2.218 |
| Cyprus Cyp£ | 0.816 | 0.761 |
| Denmark Kr | 10.46 | 9.66 |
| Finland Mkk | 8.30 | 7.65 |
| France Fr | 9.13 | 8.48 |
| Germany Dm | 2.74 | 2.53 |
| Greece Dr | 428 | 403 |
| Hong Kong $ | 13.49 | 12.49 |
| Iceland | 120 | 100 |
| Ireland Pt | 1.06 | 0.98 |
| Israel Shk | 5.73 | 5.08 |
| Italy Lira | 2653 | 2498 |
| Japan Yen | 204.00 | 188.00 |
| Malta | 0.640 | 0.585 |
| Netherlds Gld | 3.051 | 2.821 |
| New Zealand $ | 2.50 | 2.28 |
| Norway Kr | 11.29 | 10.49 |
| Portugal Esc | 272.00 | 253.50 |
| S Africa Rd | 8.34 | 7.54 |
| Spain Pta | 225.00 | 212.00 |
| Sweden Kr | 12.04 | 11.24 |
| Switzerland Fr | 2.35 | 2.17 |
| Turkey Lira | 184900 | 172900 |
| USA $ | 1.760 | 1.630 |

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**EAR is the equivalent annual rate.**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
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Geoffrey Simon, chairman of Wellington Market Company, which is raising £1 million for extra working capital by issuing new shares, put in some pre-Christmas trading at the weekend along with Judy Evens. His company owns and manages some 22 markets around Britain, including the original business in Wellington, Shropshire

# Bruntcliffe denies 'misleading'

By Jason Nissé

BRUNTCLIFFE Aggregates, which is being stalked by Bardon, its rival building materials group, may face a Stock Exchange inquiry after being accused of misleading investors in an announcement and press release issued last month.

The company said on November 14 that it had won a High Court legal action allowing it to recover $1.25 million from Mineral & General Investments, a Jersey company that was one of Bruntcliffe's largest shareholders, in a dispute about the sale of some coal assets in the United States two years ago.

However, on Friday, Dibb Lupton Alsop, M&G's solicitors, wrote to the Exchange saying that the actual ruling only allowed Bruntcliffe to recover $100,000 of the money and the rest was still in dispute.

In the letter Dibb Lupton Alsop wrote: "We consider that the Bruntcliffe Aggregates' press release misrepresents the position in relation to the litigation ... [it] appears to be designed to mislead the market in relation to Bruntcliffe."

The Exchange has contacted Bruntcliffe, whose lawyers, Theodore Goddard, have said that they are happy that the statement does not misrepresent the position.

Dibb Lupton has now provided the Exchange with full correspondence between the two sides, as well as a shorthand trancript of the judge's ruling, which has yet to be formally published. The dispute is part of a long-running battle between Bruntcliffe and M&G, which has led to the voting rights of M&G's shareholding being suspended. M&G appealed but last week sold the bulk of its holding to Bardon Group, which has now taken a 27.8 per cent stake in Bruntcliffe.

Bardon has yet to declare its hand but it is expected that it will make an offer for Bruntcliffe in the new year.

## ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET

| 1996 High | Low | Mkt cap (million) | | Price pence | Wkly +/– | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 150½ | 132 | 13.90 | AFA Systems | 139½ | ... | | .. |
| 152½ | 109 | 21.40 | AMCO Corp | 150 | .. | 4.2 | 11.2 |
| 210 | 67 | 36.20 | AND Int Pub | 175 | – 10 | ... | .. |
| 87½ | 18 | 4.65 | Abacus Recruit | 84½ | ... | ... | 24.1 |
| 15 | 14½ | | Abacus Rec P/P | 14½ | .. | .. | .. |
| 107½ | 100½ | 14.10 | Access Plus | 100½ | .. | 4.3 | 13.3 |
| 161 | 75½ | 15.50 | Active Imaging | 84½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 210 | 123 | 31.00 | A de Gruchy | 210 | .. | 3.7 | 15.8 |
| 20¼ | 7¼ | 11.30 | African Gold | 11 | – ¼ | | 23.3 |
| 89½ | 66 | 40.80 | Airtech | 89½ | + 8 | ... | .. |
| 31¼ | 13 | 11.80 | Albemarle & Bd | 31¼ | + 2 | 1.0 | 17.1 |
| 58 | 29½ | 5.10 | Alizyme | 29½ | .. | .. | .. |
| 24 | 4 | 3.86 | Alpha Omikron | 5¼ | ... | .. | .. |
| 495 | 380 | 44.30 | Ann St Brewery | 462½ | – 2½ | 5.3 | 10.4 |
| 1025 | 885 | 6.01 | Ann St Cv Pf | 1015 | .. | 7.9 | ... |
| 121 | 48 | 50.00 | Antonov | 68½ | – 1½ | ... | |
| 100 | 100 | 10.20 | Archer Dedicated | 100 | | 1.0 | 55.6 |
| 9 | 7 | 1.78 | Aruzo Props | 7½ | ... | ... | 56.1 |
| 81 | 29½ | 26.40 | Ashurst | 30½ | | ... | ... |
| 142½ | 68 | 21.80 | Ask Central | 135½ | ... | .. | ... |
| 64½ | 55 | 1.16 | Athelney Trust | 64½ | .. | ... | ... |
| 149½ | 123 | 41.10 | BATM Adv Comms | 132½ | .. | ... | ... |
| 68 | 57½ | 11.30 | Barbican Health | 58½ | | ... | |
| 8 | 7 | 10.80 | Banasford | 7 | – ¼ | ... | ... |
| 4¼ | 3 | 5.66 | Beechcroft | 3 | – ½ | .. | 9.9 |
| 4¼ | 3 | 5.75 | Beaufort | 3 | ... | .. | 34.3 |
| 150 | 140 | 1.07 | Bowness Leis | 147½ | .. | 3.8 | 9.4 |
| 70 | 70 | 0.34 | Bown Leis Cv Pf | 70 | ... | ... | ... |
| 70 | 41 | 7.89 | Brancote Hldgs | 45½ | + ½ | ... | |
| 107 | 87 | 3.73 | Br Bloodstock | 88½ | .. | 2.1 | 27.3 |
| 535 | 240 | 61.20 | Brockbank | 500 | + 2½ | 1.8 | 16.2 |
| 144½ | 116 | 15.40 | CA Coutts Hldgs | 144½ | + 2 | 0.6 | 19.4 |
| 110 | 109½ | 0.12 | CCI Founder Shs | 109½ | ... | ... | |
| 140½ | 116 | 1.12 | CCI Hldgs | 140½ | ... | ... | 7.7 |
| 213 | 95 | 4.86 | Cafe Inns | 170 | .. | 1.8 | 13.1 |
| 75 | 55 | 8.21 | Caledonian Tst | 67 | ... | ... | 8.2 |
| 43 | 27½ | 15.80 | Card Clear | 33½ | – ½ | .. | ... |
| 108 | 85½ | 8.87 | Carisbrooke Shp | 87½ | ... | 7.4 | 8.3 |
| 72 | 48 | 3.39 | Cassidy Bros | 62 | + 2 | 6.0 | 11.2 |
| 57½ | 41 | 2.46 | Cavendish W | 56½ | | 3.3 | 27.0 |
| 21 | 16 | 5.83 | Celebrated Group | 17½ | – 1½ | 1.9 | 15.5 |
| £325 | 6550 | 91.30 | Celtic | £315 | +300 | ... | ... |
| £295 | 6450 | | Celtic Pf Shs | £295 | +300 | .. | .. |
| 124 | 106½ | 14.40 | CI Comms(TV) | 106½ | ... | 3.3 | 12.4 |
| 6¾ | 5¾ | 6.25 | Charterhouse | 6¾ | .. | .. | 14.0 |
| 86 | 37½ | 4.30 | Chartwell Intl | 37½ | – 2 | .. | ... |
| 125½ | 53 | 154.30 | Chelsea Village | 115 | – 2½ | .. | .. |
| 215 | 110 | 9.44 | Chemical Design | 145 | + 15 | .. | 23.1 |
| 199½ | 173 | 21.10 | Circle Comms | 194½ | | | 14.9 |
| 110 | 110 | 0.99 | Clan Homes | 110 | .. | | 72.7 |
| 35 | 2½ | 1.05 | ClubPartners | 2½ | – 5 | | ... |
| 512½ | 485 | 12.30 | Com de Prt Fin | 512½ | + 27½ | 3.0 | |
| 21 | 15 | 7.53 | Concurrent Tech | 16 | – 1 | | .. |
| 100 | 85 | 0.24 | Conc Tech A Prf | 95 | | | .. |
| 100 | 85 | 0.19 | Conc Tech B Prf | 95 | ... | | |
| 125 | 115 | 0.84 | Conc Tech Rd Pf | 125 | .. | | |
| 225 | 215 | 0.17 | Conc Tech Cv Pf | 225 | | .. | |
| 44 | 37 | 8.25 | Conister Tst | 37½ | + ½ | 6.7 | 9.5 |
| 171½ | 58 | 27.50 | Country Gdns | 149 | + 5½ | 1.2 | 15.3 |
| 120½ | 68 | 4.12 | Cntry Gdns Pf | 112½ | ... | 5.9 | |
| 109 | 37½ | 13.50 | Creos Intl | 37½ | .. | | |
| 345 | 190 | 4.32 | Crown Eyeglass | 270 | | 5.6 | 6.9 |
| 63 | 20 | 9.33 | Crown Products | 20 | – 2 | .. | ... |
| 502½ | 152 | 39.20 | DBS Management | 487½ | – 2½ | 3.7 | 10.7 |
| 35 | 20½ | 0.98 | Dalkeith Inns | 20½ | ... | | .. |
| 89½ | 80½ | 4.41 | David Glass | 81½ | – 1 | 7.7 | 9.3 |
| 122½ | 120½ | 4.27 | Dawn Til Dusk | 121½ | ... | .. | 10.3 |
| 2212½ | 860 | 123.60 | Dawson Hldgs | 2212½ | +325 | 2.3 | ... |
| 17 | 10½ | 5.07 | Deso Corp | 11 | .. | 2.3 | 9.7 |
| 164½ | 155½ | 10.30 | Deep Sea Leisure | 164½ | + 2 | .. | |
| 5 | 2¾ | 3.55 | Dentmaster | 2¾ | | .. | 18.2 |
| 425 | 305 | 41.80 | Dicom | 407½ | – 5 | 0.3 | 28.7 |
| 111 | 78 | 13.20 | Digital Anmin | 89½ | + 2 | | .. |
| 87½ | 60 | 12.70 | Dmatek | 67½ | | .. | |
| 4½ | 2½ | 2.49 | Drngs of Bath | 3¼ | .. | ... | .. |
| 137 | 38½ | 6.89 | Easynet | 47½ | ... | | |
| 246 | 148 | 43.60 | Elec Retail Sys | 207½ | + 27 | | .. |
| 200 | 33½ | 25.30 | Electrophoretics | 38½ | + 2 | | |
| 116 | 55½ | 12.90 | Epic Multimedia | 55½ | – 4½ | | |
| 318 | 285 | 10.60 | Eurasia Mining | 285 | – 20 | ... | |
| 125 | 120 | 5.62 | Euro Sales Fn | 125 | ... | ... | |
| 475 | 325 | 8.64 | Farlake | 340 | | .. | |
| 53 | 41 | 2.49 | Fayrewood | 47½ | + 2 | 1.1 | 9.4 |
| 138 | 102½ | 43.30 | Fibernet | 116½ | + 3 | ... | .. |
| 77½ | 57½ | 3.48 | Fieldens | 69½ | – 1 | 2.7 | 9.1 |
| 265 | 75 | 5.66 | Finl Publs | 240 | + 5 | | 7.1 |
| 183 | 8½ | 2.28 | First Infor | 11¼ | + 2¼ | | |
| 109½ | 90½ | 29.60 | Fitness First | 107½ | .. | | 33.7 |
| 255 | 188 | 5.51 | Flomerics | 215 | .. | 1.5 | .. |
| 343 | 253 | 8.65 | Floral St | 287½ | ... | 0.4 | 13.1 |
| 45 | 32½ | 6.53 | FMR Hldgs | 32½ | – 3 | .. | .. |
| 193 | 113½ | 12.40 | Fonoscan | 117½ | – 5 | 2.4 | 12.9 |
| 84½ | 79½ | 7.42 | Fountain Forest | 84½ | ... | .. | 13.0 |
| 47 | 14 | 164.20 | Freepages | 42¾ | – ¾ | .. | |
| 144½ | 99 | 8.49 | Forlong Homes | 141½ | – 1 | 2.4 | 10.1 |
| 130½ | 122½ | 13.90 | Fotone Int Telep | 125 | | | |
| 23 | 13 | 4.67 | Gabriel Trust | 13 | – 1 | | ... |
| 63 | 55½ | 17.30 | Gall Thomson Env | 55½ | .. | | 10.4 |
| 13½ | 8¼ | 33.50 | Gander Hldgs | 11½ | ... | .. | |
| 109½ | 77½ | 79.60 | Gartland W&B | 91½ | + 2 | | ... |
| 113½ | 53½ | 63.50 | Geo Int Media | 63½ | – 8 | .. | .. |
| 23½ | 15½ | 20.70 | Gold Mines Sard | 16 | ... | ... | |
| 13½ | 8 | 4.82 | Gold Mines Wts | 9 | | .. | |
| 122½ | 114½ | 41.50 | Gosmark Insce | 122½ | | | .. |
| 22 | 6 | 2.99 | Greenhills | 9½ | | ... | |
| 15¾ | 13¼ | 1.78 | Grosvenor Ltd | 15¼ | .. | | |
| 150 | 145 | 33.60 | Gulfon | 149 | | 3.7 | 12.7 |
| 290 | 169 | 31.30 | HIT Entertain | 280 | | .. | .. |
| 41 | 7 | 0.71 | Hansom | 7 | | .. | ... |
| 68 | 59 | 2.40 | Hat Pin | 54½ | | 6.2 | 7.3 |
| 275 | 155 | 6.22 | Heavitree | 275 | .. | 2.6 | 17.0 |
| 255 | 180 | 9.90 | Heavitree A | 245 | | 2.9 | 15.1 |
| 105 | 48 | 2.28 | Hercules Prop | 90 | – 5 | | 4.9 |
| 121½ | 87½ | 10.30 | Highams Sys | 116½ | | .. | 17.0 |
| 138 | 115 | 144.70 | Hiscox | 117½ | – 2½ | 2.7 | .. |
| 80 | 65 | 0.87 | Hurlingham | 75 | | .. | |
| 119½ | 104½ | 7.06 | Hydro-Dynamic | 105 | – 3½ | ... | |
| 297 | 139 | 21.30 | IES | 140 | – 9 | 1.4 | .. |
| 280 | 128 | 2.72 | IES Wts | 132½ | – 2½ | | .. |
| 96 | 65 | 17.70 | Ind Bid Health | 69½ | + 1 | .. | ... |
| 118 | 57½ | 7.55 | Indpt Energy | 57½ | | .. | |
| 134 | 105 | 21.00 | Indpt Radio | 117½ | .. | .. | |
| 88 | 54½ | 10.60 | Inner Workings | 54½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 88 | 63 | 14.50 | Intelligent Env | 65 | – ½ | ... | 46.9 |
| 72½ | 43½ | 13.80 | Internet Tech | 50 | + 2½ | .. | ... |
| 177 | 149½ | 51.20 | Interoute Tele | 153½ | + 2½ | ... | ... |
| 682½ | 503 | 28.00 | Intl Greetings | 667½ | ... | 2.8 | 13.5 |
| 171½ | 108 | 42.00 | IOC Intl | 171½ | + 9 | .. | .. |
| 132½ | 122½ | 10.80 | Jardinerie Int | 122½ | .. | .. | ... |
| 103 | 67½ | 2.75 | Jasmin | 67½ | – 5 | | 11.1 |
| 320 | 280 | 21.80 | Jennings Bros | 285 | .. | -3.0 | |
| 74¼ | 48½ | 8.89 | Jordec | 55 | – ½ | ... | |
| 5½ | 2 | 3.07 | Just Group | 2 | .. | | |
| 125 | 82½ | 39.30 | KS Biomedix | 93½ | .. | ... | |
| 3 | 2 | 0.25 | Just Group Wts | 2 | .. | ... | .. |
| 52½ | 47½ | 5.81 | Kern River | 50½ | | .. | |
| 160 | 127½ | 44.40 | La Senza | 132½ | + 2 | | .. |
| 180 | 137 | 27.30 | Lancashire En | 150 | | 3.7 | .. |
| 340 | 210 | 20.90 | Lawrence | 340 | | 2.7 | 17.4 |
| 3750 | 2550 | 58.80 | Lawrie Group | 3150 | | 2.8 | 9.6 |
| 315 | 255 | 52.30 | Le Riches Strs | 315 | + 8 | 6.6 | 13.2 |
| 17 | 12 | 0.70 | Life Numbers | 14 | – 1 | | |
| 9 | 2 | 0.13 | Life Numbrs Wts | 4 | – 1 | | .. |
| 79½ | 65 | 25.90 | Loftus Road | 70 | .. | | |
| 16½ | 11¾ | 3.58 | Lon & Edin Publ | 11¾ | | 2.7 | 8.9 |
| 95 | 85 | 0.86 | London Asia Pc | 85 | | | |
| 70 | 55 | 1.75 | London Town | 70 | | | .. |
| 70 | 55 | 1.75 | London Town | 70 | | | ... |
| 357 | 192½ | 38.30 | Loren Grp | 335 | .. | 1.4 | 28.0 |
| 4¼ | 3¼ | 5.62 | Lotterykong | 3¼ | .. | | 41.7 |
| 1¾ | 1 | 0.17 | Lotterykong Wts | 1 | | | |
| 315 | 157½ | 32.80 | MTL Inct | 180 | | 3.4 | 11.3 |
| 160 | 21½ | 17.60 | Magnum Power | 25½ | – 1 | | |
| 237½ | 187½ | 30.30 | Majestic Wine | 237½ | + 10 | .. | 13.9 |
| 25 | 11½ | 6.88 | Manor & O'seas | 11½ | | 3.5 | 21.9 |
| 135 | 55 | 7.68 | Marine & Merc S | 63½ | | | .. |
| 125 | 105 | 2.40 | Matrix Hlthcare | 105 | .. | | ... |
| 12¼ | 11¼ | 4.05 | Mears Group | 11¼ | .. | 2.2 | |
| 117 | 92 | 55.70 | Megalomedia | 95½ | .. | .. | 53.6 |
| 104 | 79 | 0.95 | Megalomedia Wts | 86½ | – 2 | | .. |
| 113 | 67½ | 4.71 | Meltek | 67½ | ... | 4.8 | 12.4 |
| 475 | 22½ | 42.10 | Memory Corp | 69½ | + 24½ | .. | |
| 55 | 16½ | 11.00 | Meteor Tech | 16½ | | | .. |
| 43 | 15 | 0.29 | Meteor Tech Wts | 15 | .. | .. | |
| 22 | 18 | 4.90 | Metrodome | 20 | | | ... |
| 93½ | 82½ | 4.97 | Mondas | 82½ | – 2 | | |
| 280 | 156 | 21.30 | Moorepay | 280 | | 1.5 | 24.0 |
| 200 | 67½ | 6.81 | Moorlcastel | 90 | | | 18.8 |
| 203 | 147½ | 33.70 | Mulberry Group | 170 | – ¾ | 0.6 | 26.6 |
| 89 | 36½ | 11.20 | MultiMedia | 39 | .. | | 77.4 |
| 19 | 17 | 1.25 | NECA | 17 | .. | | ... |
| 340 | 283 | 21.60 | NWF Grp | 284 | .. | 3.5 | 12.5 |
| 210 | 175 | 13.40 | Nash (Wm) | 190 | .. | 4.5 | 7.8 |
| 70 | 53 | 1.31 | Nazareth Res Prps | 62½ | | 2.0 | 28.4 |
| 360 | 310 | 8.34 | Neill Clerk | 325 | .. | 3.1 | 11.6 |
| 470 | 200 | 9.91 | Neilson Cobbold | 330 | .. | 2.1 | 16.5 |
| 50½ | 49½ | | Netcall | 49½ | | .. | |
| 175 | 118 | 52.70 | Network Tech | 169½ | – 1 | 0.3 | |
| 101 | 65 | 1.07 | Norcity II | 97½ | | | |
| 80½ | 63 | 1.56 | Northernet | 80½ | | | 50.8 |
| 76 | 30½ | 3.49 | Nthn Petrol | 30½ | .. | | |
| 8 | 7½ | 0.12 | Nthn Petrol Wts | 7½ | | | |
| 119½ | 110½ | 46.80 | Nursing Home | 118 | | 3.9 | 26.5 |
| 182 | 85¾ | 32.30 | Old English Pub | 182 | + 16 | 1.0 | 57.1 |
| 136 | 84 | 12.50 | Omnicare | 105½ | – 2 | 1.3 | 16.3 |
| 75 | 11½ | 3.08 | Omnimedia | 12½ | | | .. |
| 102½ | 80½ | 4.10 | On Line | 102½ | | | |
| 70½ | 42½ | 44.30 | Oxford Biomedica | 69½ | – 22 | .. | |
| 123 | 66 | 20.30 | Locr | 87½ | .. | | |
| 3¼ | 1 | 26.20 | Pacific Media | 2 | | | .. |
| 140½ | 17¼ | 23.20 | Pan Andean Res | 52½ | + 2 | .. | |
| 220 | 180 | 5.26 | Park Ests(Liv) | 220 | .. | 4.5 | 16.0 |
| 21 | 8½ | 4.36 | Pembertons | 15¾ | – 1¾ | | |
| 106 | 47½ | 8.91 | Personal No Co | 57½ | + 5 | | |
| 337½ | 100 | 51.80 | Philippine Gd | 137½ | – 15 | | |
| 70½ | 52½ | 12.40 | Pital Tech | 55½ | | | 15.5 |
| 184 | 107 | 24.00 | Polymasc Pharms | 120 | – 1½ | .. | ... |
| 4 | 2½ | 5.46 | Portum Foods | 2½ | .. | | |
| 2 | 1½ | 0.33 | Portum Fds Wts | 1½ | ... | | |
| 600 | 400 | 8.57 | Preston Nth E | 595 | .. | | |
| 105 | 100½ | 16.40 | Primary Hlth Pr | 102½ | | | |
| 500 | 158¼ | 87.90 | Prism Rail | 475 | + 25 | | |
| 1030 | 379 | 211.20 | Ramco Egy | 1030 | +220 | 0.1 | |
| 82½ | 32 | 7.42 | Raphael Zrn | 82½ | + 5 | 3.1 | |
| 100½ | 94½ | 15.70 | Recycling Servs | 95½ | – 2 | 4.1 | |
| 140 | 43 | 9.19 | Reflec | 121 | – ½ | | |
| 6 | 4¾ | 1.39 | Revelation Pic | 4¾ | – ¼ | | 4.5 |
| 18 | 15 | 11.90 | Ricenton Insce | 18 | ... | | |
| 99½ | 63 | 4.29 | Romtec | 82½ | – 5 | 2.9 | 19.4 |
| 4½ | 2 | 2.18 | Rushmere Wyne | 2 | | | |
| 1¾ | 0¾ | 0.07 | Rush Wyo Wts | 0¾ | | | |
| 165 | 151 | 18.20 | SGI Ent | 155½ | | | |
| 126 | 31 | 3.19 | SCS Satellite | 31 | | | |
| 75 | 42½ | 9.61 | SEA Multimedia | 42½ | – 5 | .. | |
| 31 | 12½ | 0.87 | Scotswood Inds | 12½ | | 10.0 | 11.8 |
| 49 | 23 | 5.68 | Scott Pickard | 45 | + 1 | 2.5 | 16.2 |
| 68 | 28 | 13.40 | Scott Prds | 42½ | | | |
| 320 | 270 | 15.40 | Scuttlons | 320 | | 5.1 | 15.4 |
| 76 | 64 | 14.40 | Selector | 74 | | .. | |
| 60 | 22½ | 1.72 | Sell Seating | 29½ | | | |
| 154½ | 132½ | 7.42 | Shalbrane | 154½ | – 2 | 3.2 | 12.7 |
| 118 | 69½ | 3.95 | Shelton (H) | 75 | – ¼ | 7.1 | 9.1 |
| 206½ | 164 | 25.10 | Sinclair Montrs | 206½ | + 13 | | |
| 5 | 2¾ | 6.18 | Sira Bus Serv | 3 | | 1.1 | |
| 1½ | 1 | 0.19 | Sira Bus Wts | 1 | – ½ | | |
| 3¾ | 3¾ | 25.80 | Snakeboard | 3¾ | | .. | .. |
| 91 | 83 | 5.28 | Solid State Sp | 84½ | | 4.2 | 13.9 |
| 43 | 27 | 2.93 | Soundtracs | 29 | – ½ | 4.0 | |
| 620 | 520 | 148.90 | Southern News | 617½ | + 12½ | 3.6 | 17.6 |
| 79½ | 50 | 12.90 | Southern Vectis | 67½ | | 3.5 | 15.6 |
| 297½ | 225 | 30.40 | Staffware | 262½ | – 4 | | 76.6 |
| 675 | 255 | 73.80 | Stanford Rook | 382½ | – 17½ | | |
| 201 | 75 | 9.62 | Stentor | 135½ | + 10 | | |
| 390 | 122 | 43.20 | Surrey Fr Inns | 390 | + 30 | 0.7 | |
| 136 | 22½ | 3.02 | Syst Integ Rsch | 22½ | – 15 | | |
| 34½ | 6 | 4.49 | TDS Circuits | 21¼ | – 1 | | 26.2 |
| 138 | 81 | 15.80 | Theo Fennell | 97½ | | | 25.1 |
| 15 | 7¼ | 16.60 | Thomas Potts | 9¼ | + 1½ | 0.7 | .. |
| 116 | 73 | 14.40 | Toad | 85½ | – 2 | | |
| 56 | 30½ | 2.33 | Tom Hoskins | 30½ | | | |
| 915 | 375 | 19.80 | TRACKER Netwk | 375 | – 10 | | |
| 185 | 85 | 20.40 | Tradepoint Fd | 95 | + 10 | | |
| 180 | 160 | 5.10 | Trinity Care | 167 | | 3.7 | 12.0 |
| 170 | 165 | | Trinity Care Pf | 170 | | | |
| 79½ | 44 | 253.40 | Trocadero | 52 | + 3½ | | |
| 179 | 142 | 24.40 | UNG | 174½ | – 7 | .. | 40.5 |
| 42 | 40 | 3.65 | Univent | 40 | ... | ... | 18.4 |
| 458 | 372½ | 6.63 | Utd Auctions | 372½ | | 2.7 | |
| 260 | 147¼ | 26.40 | VDC | 255 | – 5 | 2.5 | 16.3 |
| 22¼ | 13½ | 55.30 | Versailles Grp | 22 | ... | 1.1 | 20.3 |
| 62 | 52 | 99.50 | Victory Corp | 52½ | .. | ... | ... |
| 650 | 130 | 5.10 | Vianon | 170 | – 10 | .. | |
| 428 | 232 | 6.71 | Voss Net | 250 | – 10 | .. | |
| 57 | 46 | 13.20 | Waterfall | 51 | – 1 | .. | |
| 26 | 13 | 4.90 | Watermark | 26 | | | 7.6 |
| 15 | 7 | 2.76 | Wedderburn Secs | 10 | – ¼ | | |
| 5 | 3 | 0.10 | Wedd Secs Wts | 3 | | | |
| 8¼ | 6¼ | 9.21 | Weeks Group | 7 | | 2.3 | 11.7 |
| 130 | 115 | 4.44 | West 175 Enter | 115 | – 5 | | |
| 19 | 12 | 6.56 | Western Selectn | 12½ | – ½ | .. | 46.9 |
| 6 | 3½ | 0.28 | Western Sel Wts | 4½ | | | |
| 50½ | 26 | 4.69 | Westmount Engy | 44½ | + 5 | .. | 67.9 |
| 95 | 89½ | 3.69 | Whitecross | 89½ | .. | | |
| 182½ | 135½ | 28.80 | Whitbard Chelsea | 181½ | + 1½ | 1.7 | 25.7 |
| 75 | 46 | 5.81 | W chester M Md | 50 | – 2¼ | .. | ... |
| 145 | 100 | 3.79 | Wynnstay Props | 120 | ... | 4.8 | 17.2 |
| 73½ | 9 | 5.75 | Xavier Comp | 11 | | | |
| 179½ | 157½ | 8.04 | Yeoman | 159½ | – 11 | .. | |
| 340 | 170 | 26.70 | Zergo | 290 | – 10 | | 72.8 |

# BT said to be in TV talks

BT has refused to confirm weekend reports that it is in talks over a £500 million digital television joint venture.

Under the deal, BT and BSkyB (in which News International, owner of *The Times*, has a 40 per stake), would take 30 per cent each. Midland Bank and Matsushita, the Japanese electronics group, would take 20 per cent each.

BT said digital broadcasting was an obvious area of interest, but would not comment on the specific venture. A spokesman said: "We talk to a lot of companies all the time."

## Growth market

The housewares and home furnishings sector is set to boom next year on the back of a steadily improving housing market, according to Verdict, the independent retail analyst. Research shows that the sector is enjoying a significant revival after the recession of the early 1990s. Estimates show sales in the second half of 1996 grew by 8 per cent.

## Job fears

Skilled and professional staff still suffer from job insecurity, with almost half of the workers at 350 firms questioned by the Manufacturing Science and Finance Union saying their jobs were less secure than a year ago. Fears were especially high in health care, insurance and finance, education and training, and worst in Greater London, Scotland and East Anglia.

## Card alert

Christmas shoppers are urged to protect their credit and debit cards after Home Office figures showing that pickpocketing is at its highest ever level. An average £490 is spent fraudulently with every stolen card.

## ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

THE minutes of the monthly meeting that took place on October 30, between Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, are published today. It was at that meeting that the two men decided they would raise base rates by a quarter point to 6 per cent.

Given the reluctance since that meeting by both men to discuss the monetary impact of sterling's sharp appreciation, the markets will be particularly interested to read any comment on the exchange rate. Tomorrow sees publication of British trade figures with the rest of the world for October, and non-European Union trade for November. There are no British economic statistics for the rest of the week.

☐ The only company scheduled to report this week is Ivory & Sime. The fund management company's interim results are due to be published today.

Janet Bush

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THE TIMES

CITY DIARY

## Nightmare at Bruton Place

TO CELEBRATE the festive season, *Sunday Business*, the business weekly, had hoped to let rip in a room above Pizza Express in Mayfair. But a rather large fly has made its way into the tomato and anchovy-flavoured ointment.

Maurice Saatchi and his wife, Josephine Hart, the novelist, who just happen to live next door to the Italian watering hole, have made it known that the noisy hacks are most unwelcome in the vicinity of their home. Last word was that the shindig in Bruton Place is still on.

*ROLAND CORNISH is going it alone, setting up a new merchant banking boutique after ten years at Brown Shipley. The 37-year-old former head of corporate finance is branching out to become chief executive and main board director of Nationwide Residential Properties. Currently on holiday at his house in Italy, Cornish will be musing on his plans to build up the AIM-listed group over a five-year period. His flight from Brown Shipley coincided with its Christmas party last week and nobody was there to receive his resignation.*

## All the Buzz

DISTURBING news from Harrison Willis, the City-based firm of executive recruitment consultants, who asked 100 finance directors what they would ideally like for Christmas.

Along with the predictable answers, including Pamela Anderson and "some software for my PC", the clear winner was Buzz Lightyear, the popular cartoon character from *Toy Story*, the children's film.

## Giveaway line

PR GALS for Camelot have been rubbing shoulders with Diana, Princess of Wales. At a recent Christmas party, Louise White and Joanna Manning-Cooper summoned up enough courage, after 30 minutes of standing in the wings, to venture forth with the question: "Do you play the National Lottery, ma'am?"

The benign Princess, all smiles and eyes, politely replied: "No, I can't. If I won, I would have to give the money to charity." Ahhh.

MORAG PRESTON

# No room for Santer at nation's bleak house

Dickensian attitudes in the workplace are returning, says **Christine Buckley**

When Bob Cratchit trundled off from the offices of Ebenezer Scrooge for his one-day Christmas holiday he was not alone.

Miserly though he was, Scrooge was a typical early 19th-century employer. Some critics of employment conditions, who complain of increasingly long and unsocial hours, would say Ebenezer is enjoying a renaissance.

Bob, provider for his large family, would have been working more than 60 hours a week over six days. But it was at the time of Bob's fateful Christmas — 1843 — that the Labour movement was concentrating a push for shorter working hours.

More than 150 years later and the debate is still raging, particularly on the back of Europe pressing the UK to introduce a minimum 48-hour working week. Charges of Dickensian attitudes have been volleyed at the Conservatives who have fought to resist the European working time directive. Jacques Santer, President of the European Commission, famously declared Britain to be committed to Dickensian sweatshops because of its opposition to the directive. Meanwhile a substantial amount of employment research finds workers putting in increasingly long hours at the expense of family and social life amid a strong feeling of job insecurity.

Had he too been able to see the ghost of Christmas future, Bob may have been surprised at some employment similarities. With strikes at some high street banks over staff not being granted a full day off on Christmas Eve, Scrooge's reluctance to give his staff Christmas Day off does not seem that historical.

Moving on a little from the 1840s and some Labour historians would say we are not actually much further forward in working-time arrangements from the days when Tiny Tim may have been approaching retirement. Then, in the 1890s, the Labour movement launched its strongest campaign for shorter working time with the drive for an eight-hour day to both improve workers' conditions and reduce unemployment.

Scrooge saw the error of his ways but many of today's employers are still unenlightened

Mary Davis, senior labour lecturer at South Bank University's trade union centre, said: "Between 1889 and 1914 the real campaign for the eight-hour day was conducted. But we are still nowhere near that." Bob would point out that it is not all gloom over working hours in the UK. He would, however, be uneasy that things seem the bleakest among his own kind — professionals and those working for small employers. He may also be alarmed at the proportion of workers entitled to paid holidays. Britain does not enshrine paid holidays in law and Labour Force studies indicate that 2.5 million workers receive no paid holidays.

The UK has produced a divergent pattern of working time as a series of unions have won industry and company-specific deals. Generally working hours are at their shortest in manufacturing, particularly engineering whose unions have always been at the vanguard of shorter hours. But they are climbing sharply among professional classes.

A Labour Force survey looking at changes to working patterns between 1984 and 1996 found a large jump in the number of staff working more than 48 hours — from 2.75 million 12 years ago to more than 3.9 million now. The proportion of men working more than 50 hours a week had increased from 20 per cent in 1984 to 28 per cent this year. Earlier this year the Joseph Rowntree Foundation identified long hours worked by fathers as the main cause of the blight on 1990s family life. A substantial number of people working long hours said they felt obliged to because of the long-hours culture and because of feelings of job insecurity.

Back when Tiny Tim's father was going about his business he would have encountered the campaign for a ten-hour day. Largely it was a shout against the exploitation of women and children — some of whom were working 14-hour days — and the lobby was just getting into gear. In London it was won by engineers after an eight-month strike in 1836.

The next decade saw demands for a 58½-hour week, 10 hours for each of the week days and 8½ hours on Saturday. In the 1870s the nine-hour day was achieved by some workers. In the 1880s-90s the New Unionism — a phrase now coined by the present Trades Union Congress — struck out for an eight-hour day. They wanted the day divided strictly into eight hours work, eight rest and eight leisure.

Gas workers in Beckton, east London, temporarily won such hours although the larger movement failed. It had been championed by Tom Mann, the union and Labour movement activist, who established the eight-hour day as the touchstone of the New Unionism — the broadening out of the union movement beyond traditional trades. But the first call for an eight-hour day went out in the early 19th century.

In 1910 an average 48 hours was won with worktime still stretched over six days. In the 1920s it was chipped down to 47 hours. By the 1950s the average working week was 44 hours with Saturday morning working remaining the norm. By 1960 we reached 42 hours — where the national average currently remains — and Saturdays were largely scrapped as part of the normal working week — apart from retail and leisure.

Britain is in stark contrast with mainland Europe over working time. More than 30 per cent of the UK's full-time employees work more than 46 hours a week. It is by far the highest proportion with the second highest rate coming from Greece at 16 per cent. Britain is the only European country with no statutory limits on working time. In some industries a cap on working hours was exercised by wages councils until three years ago when all wages councils except the agricultural one were abolished.

Next year Arthur Scargill will take a campaign for a four-day working week to several constituencies in the general election with his Socialist Labour Party. The proposition is unlikely to find currency with the larger political parties or employers although the argument would gain a better audience in France or Germany where the debate over tackling long-term unemployment is a stronger and more public one.

Arthur Scargill would find support abroad

Jacques Santer derides British 'sweatshops'

# Recalled for Christmas

**Dear Diary.** *Radio 4 (FM). 10.00am.*

Miles Kington makes amends for what the creators of famous fictional characters failed to do — confront them with Christmas. A recalled Lady Macbeth gives her spouse something solid and heavy. Man Friday's relations drop in for a glass of sherry and, instead, get sozzled on something else. Lady Bracknell records the shock she had as a child when told that tradesmen, servants and — horror of horrors! — even Americans had the effrontery to celebrate Christmas. Philip Marlowe literally disarms a gun-toting carol singer whose entire repertoire consists of *Good King Wenceslaus* and Sherlock Holmes investigates the Case of the Missing Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.

**The Jericho Players.** *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*

In one respect, Bernard Kops's play about itinerant Jewish actors in early 20th-century Russia stirs echoes of *Fiddler on the Roof*. Like *Fiddler*, it sets its vibrant characters and the resilience that is the badge of their tribe against the background of threatening persecution. It lacks what *Fiddler* conspicuously had, a strong central character to give cohesion to its episode structure. David Kossoff's wise old bird of an actor has elements of Tevye the milkman. Mark Bonnar plays the teacher who throws in his lot with the travelling thespians led by a battling couple (Warren Mitchell, Fenella Fielding).

Peter Davalle

### RADIO 1

**7.00am** Dave Pearce **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Clive Warren **7.00** Evening Session featuring Manic Street Preachers and Noel Gallagher **9.00** Star Review. Includes live music from Goldie and the Chemical Brothers **10.00** In Concert Classic. Jam 96 **12.00** Claire Sturgess **4.00** Charlie Jordan

### RADIO 2

**6.00am** Alex Lester **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** *Jimmy Young* **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Steve Wright **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **8.00** Malcolm Laycock with Dance Band Days **8.30** the 1996 British Jazz Awards **10.00** Melly on Monday (8/8) **10.30** Jack Benny **11.00** Bob Harris **1.00am** Patrick Lunt, includes Pause for Thought **3.00** Mo Dutta

### RADIO 5 LIVE

**5.05am** They Came from Nowhere **6.05** 1966 and All That. Kenneth Wolstenholme relives the World Cup final victory against Germany **6.35** Games That Changed Football **7.00** The Breakfast Programme **9.05** The Magazine **11.05** Never Walk Alone (1/5) **11.35** The Food of Love and Hate (1/4) **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.05pm** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.35** Sportstrack **8.00** The Monday Match. Newcastle United v Liverpool **10.05** Brief Lives '96 **11.05** Weather Reports **11.35** Tales of the Turf **12.05am** Hong Kong at Christmas (1/4) **2.05** Up All Night

### TALK RADIO

**5.00am** Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Philip Hodson **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sports Zone **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Mike Dickin

### WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT**. News on the hour.
**5.30am** Europe Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** Off the Shelf **7.30** The *Vintage Chart Show* **8.10** *Words of Faith* **8.15** International Question Time **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Anything Goes **9.45** Sport **10.30** BBC English **10.45** Off the Shelf **11.30** Omnibus **12.05pm** World Business Report **12.15** Britain Today **12.30** Andy Kershaw **2.05** Outlook **2.30** John Peel **3.05** Sport **3.15** The Learning World **3.30** *Omnibus* **4.15** World Today **4.30** BBC English **4.45** Britain Today **5.30** World Business Report **5.45** Sport **6.30** Quote... Unquote **7.01** *Outlook* **7.25** *Words of Faith* **7.30** Multitrack **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Britain Today **9.30** Sound Business **9.45** The Brain **10.30** World Today **10.45** Sport **11.10** Take Five **11.15** Record News **11.30** Multitrack **12.30am** *Global Concerns* **12.45** *Britain Today* **1.30** Outlook **1.55** Words of Faith **2.30** Omnibus **3.15** Sport **3.30** Meridian **4.30** Europe Today

### CLASSIC FM

**4.00am** Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Christmas Carols from Westminster Abbey. **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata. Beethoven (*Cello Sonata No 5 in D*, Op 102, No 2) **7.00** Celebrity Choice (*r*) **8.00** Evening Concert. Gabrieli (Quem vidisti pastores?); Chirescu (Good Morning Christmas Eve); Popovici (Three Shepherds); Alexander Moyzes (Carols for Mixed Choir); Conrad Susa (Three Mystical Carols); Rutter (Dancing Day) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mel Cooper

### VIRGIN RADIO

**6.00am** Jeremy Clark **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Lynn Parsons **4.00** Mitch Johnson **7.00** Paul Coyle (**FM**) / Robin Banks (**AM**) **10.00** Howard Pearce **2.00am** Randal Lee Rose

### RADIO 3

**6.00am On Air.** Includes Purcell (*I bring you glad tidings*); *Liszt* (The Christmas Tree); Daquin (Noels Land II, Nouveau Livre de Noels); Arnold (Concerto for 28 players); Delius (Eventyr, Once upon a Time)
**8.50 An Advent Calendar**
**9.00 Morning Collection,** with Penny Gore. Mendelssohn (Six Songs without Words, Op 62, Bk 5); Vaughan Williams (Mass in G minor)
**10.00 Musical Encounters.** Gabrieli (Jubilate Deo a 10); Liszt (Ricordanza); Haydn (Notturno No 4); Simon Thoumire (The Gloomy-go-round and the Merry-go-round); Massenet (Herodiade, excerpt); Souza (Liberty Bell); Birtwistle (Verses); Handel, arr Mozart (Messiah, excerpts); Prokofiev (Violin Concerto No 1)
**12.00 Composer of the Week: Tchaikovsky**
**1.00pm News; City of London Festival.** A concert given in July at the Drapers' Hall. Viktoria Mullova, violin, Piotr Anderszewski, piano. Includes Brahms (Violin Sonata No 2 in A, Op 100); Janacek (Violin Sonata); Webern (Four Pieces, Op 7); Beethoven (Violin Sonata in F, Op 24, Spring)
**2.15 Record Review,** with Richard Osborne. Sibelius (Night Ride and Sunrise); Dohnanyi (American Rhapsody); Ravel (Piano Concerto in G)
**3.45 Voices.** Iain Burnside introduces a recital of Sibelius' songs
**4.30 Lester Leaps In.** Russell Davies explores the recording career of Lester Young (*r*)
**5.00 Music Machine,** with Tommy Pearson
**5.15 The Life and Times of the Symphony.** Stephen Johnson traces the origins and evolution of the symphony (1/5)
**6.45 Digital Masters.** John O'Conor explores piano recordings from the early years of the century. Includes Liszt (Valse Impromptu); Schubert (Impromptu in G, D899 No 3); Liszt (Soiree de Vienne No 6 in A minor); Chopin (Waltz in A flat, Op 42) (1/5)
**7.30 John Surman.** The premiere of Surman's *Proverbs and Songs* in Salisbury Cathedral in June. With the Salisbury Festival Chorus and John Taylor, organ
**9.35 By Woody Allen.** A selection of classic Woody Allen prose from his anthologies *Without Feathers* and *Side Effects*. Performed by Garrick Hagon, Lachele Carl and Mike McShane (1/5)
**10.00 Ensemble.** Penny Gore introduces a recital by pianist Leon McCawley. Includes Fauré: (Pièces brèves, Op 84); Barber (Nocturne: Homage to John Field; Sonata)
**10.45 Mixing It.** Mark Russell and Robert Sandall present a choice of listeners' favourite tracks heard on the show during 1996
**11.30 Composers of the Week: Ernest Chausson and Henri Duparc** (*r*)
**12.30am Jazz Notes,** with Digby Fairweather
**1.00 Through the Night,** with Donald Macleod;

### RADIO 4

**5.55am Shipping (LW) 6.00** News **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today
**8.40 So Far So Good.** Richard Briers reads Paul Eddington's memoirs (1/5) **8.58** Weather
**9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week,** with *Times* columnist Melvyn Bragg
**10.00 News; Dear Diary (FM).** See Choice
**10.00 Daily Service (LW)**
**10.15 On This Day (LW)**
**10.30 Woman's Hour,** with Jenni Murray
**11.30 Money Box Live: 0171-580 4444**
**12.00 News; You and Yours**
**12.25pm Noël Coward — from His Diaries.** Extracts from the famous English wit's journals written during the last 30 years of his life. Read by Simon Cadell (2/3) (*r*) **12.55** Weather
**1.00 The World at One,** with Nick Clarke
**1.40 The Archers** (r) **1.55** Shipping
**2.00 News; The Twelve Days of Christmas,** by Bryony Lavery. With Jane Dawson and Joseph Vickers (*r*)
**3.00 The Afternoon Shift,** Laurie Taylor and guests take part in another topical debate
**4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope.** Lynne Walker reviews a new production of *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, and listens to a alternative version of *Alice in Wonderland*
**4.45 Short Story: What the Dickens?** Iain Patterson's story about a modern day Ebenezer Scrooge who has his work cut out trying to spread a little Christmas cheer around the office
**5.00 PM 5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
**6.00 Six O'Clock News**
**6.30 News Quiz of the Year.** Simon Hoggart selects his favourite moments from the satirical *News Quiz* year with the help of *Times* columnist Alan Coren, Francis Wheen, Andy Hamilton and Jeremy Hardy (*r*)
**7.00 News 7.05 The Archers**
**7.20 The Food Programme.** Do festive cookery books written by top chefs have a place in the kitchen this Christmas (r)
**7.45 Jericho Players.** See Choice
**9.00 Better Than Sex.** Sean O'Brien describes how a visit to the Tyneside Turkish Baths is a truly pleasurable experience (*r*)
**9.30 Kaleidoscope** (r) **9.59** Weather
**10.00 The World Tonight,** with Robin Lustig
**10.45 Book at Bedtime: High Spirits,** by Robertson Davies
**11.00 Sentimental Journey.** Film director Ken Russell reminisces about his childhood experiences, recalling family picnics in a strange and beautiful garden called Larmer Trees (4/6) (r)
**11.30 Rent II** Comedy starring Barbara Flynn and Patrick Barlow. Paul has his heart set on Ruby, but all she can think about is the whereabouts of her beloved guinea pig (r)
**12.00 News** incl **12.27am** Weather
**12.30 The Late Book: Sir Henry at Rawlinson End.** Written and performed by Viv Stanshall. A surreal saga about a fragile dynasty (1/5)
**12.48 Shipping Forecast**
**1.00 As World Service**

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# Rate-rise sting in growth tail

The United Kingdom is in a unique situation. It is the only industrialised country where economic growth is very strong, there is little spare capacity left, and inflation is already above the top of the central bank's inflation target. No wonder the markets have priced in 100 basis points of monetary tightening in the next year and sterling has appreciated strongly.

In fact, the monetary tightening next year is likely to be even greater than the markets expect and sterling could well go even higher, simply because most commentators are underestimating how strong economic growth will be and are overestimating the spare capacity the economy has. Our view is that economic growth will run at 4 per cent for most of next year and that the spare capacity generated by the last recession has been used up already. This robust growth will lead to a build-up of inflation pressures as next year progresses.

When seeking the factors behind next year's strong growth, monetary policy is playing a key role. It is always difficult to gauge how stimulative or restrictive monetary policy is, but currently all indicators point in the same direction. First, interest rates look very attractive — nominal short-term rates are close to a 25-year low and real short-term rates are 250 basis points below the 1980s business cycle average. Second, consumer and mortgage credit are both increasing at a strong pace. And third, the key interest-rate sensitive sectors — cars, housing and consumer durables — are all buoyant.

Household spending is also being supported by solid income generation. Employment in the third quarter rose at an annual rate of 2.6 per cent, and real take-home pay is increasing by almost 3 per cent. In addition, consumers are receiving windfall gains from restructuring in the financial services sector, which, if all the planned conversions go ahead, will boost households' spending power next year by about 4 per cent.

So the outlook for growth is strong and surprises will probably be on the upside. How much room is there, however, for the economy to enjoy such strong growth with no risk of inflation rising? Our view is that the room is very limited indeed. All direct measures of spare capacity — unemployment, vacancies, hours worked, survey measures of labour shortages, and capacity utilisation rates — suggest that there is little slack left to be absorbed by strong growth. The situation seems particularly acute in the services sector, where operating rates and recruitment difficulties are already near the peaks reached in the late 1980s.

Strong growth and a mature business cycle are a sure recipe for a cyclical deterioration in inflation. Underlying retail price inflation is already above the top of the target range of 1 to 2.5 per cent. However, in the near term, these cyclical inflation pressures will be hidden behind an improvement in the inflation readings, thanks to lower energy prices and the higher currency. Most likely, underlying retail price inflation will be close to, or just below, 2.5 per cent by next spring. However, the cyclical inflation pressures will be building behind the scenes and should be particularly evident in the services sector, which is sheltered from the favourable international developments that are depressing goods prices. Once these temporary international developments fade, a more broad-based deterioration in inflation will develop.

From an investor's perspective, it is important to recognise that it is the growth environment that will drive monetary policy, not the near-term inflation readings. This was made crystal clear by the monetary tightening in late 1994, when base rates rose 150 basis points. That monetary tightening began when underlying inflation was inside the target range and still falling. Each rate rise was triggered by successive GDP releases showing economic growth running at an annual rate of 3 to 4 per cent. If that pace of economic growth triggered rate hikes worth 150 basis points in 1994, a similar pace of growth in the next few quarters will prompt at least as much monetary tightening.

Underlying inflation is a full percentage point higher than it was when the 1994 monetary tightening started, and every direct measure of spare capacity is tighter now than it was then. So, we should expect base rates to reach at least 7.5 per cent by the end of next year.

DAVID MACKIE
*J P Morgan*

### WORD-WATCHING

*Answers from page 30*

**GALLOGLASS**
(b) A heavily-armed mercenary soldier, originally Hebridean (Gaelic-Norse), maintained by Irish and some other Celtic chiefs from about 1235 to the 16th century. From the Irish *gall* a foreigner + *óglach* a young warrior-servant. *Macbeth*: "... The merciless Macdonwald/... from the western isles/ Of kerns and gallowglasses is supplied..."

**GREE**
(b) Favour, goodwill. From the Old French *gré*. Ultimately from the Latin *grātum*, the neuter substantive of *grātus* pleasing, grateful. "A man should hold his friends in gree,/ And his foes hate but tardily."

**FRISKET**
(a) and (b). In printing, a thin iron frame hinged to the tympan, having tapes or paper strips stretched across it, for keeping the sheet in position while printing. "The pressman beateth it over with printers ink, spreadeth upon it the papers put in the frisket." Also a small, lively sparrow. *Progresses of Queen Elizabeth*, 1602: "The chatting of pyes, and the chirkinge of the friskets."

**FELAPTON**
(c) A term of old-fashioned logic. A mnemonic word representing the fourth mood in the third figure of syllogisms, in which the major premiss is a universal negative, the minor premiss a universal affirmative, and the conclusion a particular negative. "They still set their Barbara and Felapton, but only in the way of routine."

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# Cool comfort from a consummate crooner

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

For those of us finding the preparations for Christmas just a teensy bit stressful, Santa had thoughtfully provided a spot of last-minute couch therapy. From the first few notes of a gloriously syncopated intro, **Arena: Tony Bennett's New York** (BBC2, last night) was a television treat. "The best is yet to come," sang the man whom Reggie Nadelson later described as the king of cool, the consummate crooner. As the tension eased from my shoulders, I let out a little groan of gratitude. Where had he been all my life?

Out of fashion, apparently. I am too young to remember, or even indeed to know, that in 1952 Tony Bennett was the biggest selling recording artist in the United States and I am too old to be part of the so-called Generation X who rediscovered easy listening and consider Bennett to be "hipness incarnate". The decade that provided the background to my formative years, the 1970s, was a black time. "Bennett and bell-bottoms were a lousy mix," pronounced Nadelson, revealing a fondness for alliteration that occasionally got in the way of her history. What about Bennett and Oxford bags, I thought. Or tank-tops, come to that.

Anyway, to cut a long horror-story short, Bennett had a bad time in the 1970s, recording only one album — which is why, presumably, if I thought of him at all it was as the guy with the big nose, who wasn't as good as Frank Sinatra. But all that has changed, as Nadelson succinctly explained, "Ella and Crosby have gone and Sinatra's retired." Now, at 70, it's the man from Astoria's chance to carry the great American songbook.

But this major retrospective belied any suggestion of Buggins's or indeed Bennett's turn. Distinguished people have died and not commanded 80 minutes of well crafted television tribute. And Bennett was still alive, albeit in an extremely laid-back sort of way. "The best is yet to come . . ." he sang again. Damn, it was good.

Nadelson's film was a cleverly multi-stranded affair. There was Bennett's life story, traced from the house on Long Island where he was brought up by Italian parents to the apartment overlooking Central Park where he now lives. Then there was the story of American music, which as far as Bennett was concerned, began and pretty much ended with Louis Armstrong. "If you don't phrase like Louis, then you're just not singing American music." And so, as Nadelson put it, Louis begat Bing and Bing begat Sinatra . . ." And Sinatra? No prizes for guessing whom he begat.

There was lots of wonderful music and an impressive cast of talking heads, on hand to explain why every time Bennett opens his mouth to sing "I left my heart in San Francisco" he is telling a lie. His heart is where it's always been, as Wynton Marsalis and Mario Cuomo were there to attest: New York.

"It's all about being famous in that city," explained Bennett. If you can make it here, you can make it anywhere, sang his hero Sinatra. "The best is yet to come . . ." sang Bennett for the last time. Stuff "Ding Dong Merrily", I'm off to the record shop.

But not before I've told you about the trains in **Cruel Train** (BBC2, last night). They were magnificent — great big, steaming, puffing, panting beasts, forever rushing into tunnels and clattering across level-crossings. All of which is very handy if you're making free with Emile Zola's *La Bête Humaine* and are in need of some heavy symbolism.

The human cast, led by David Suchet, Saskia Reeves and Adrian Dunbar, were pretty good too, as the writer and director Malcolm McKay set out to re-explore Zola themes of jealousy, passion and murderous obsession on the wartime London to Brighton line. An old lady in the station café helped along some of us slower on the imagery uptake. "God help us," cried the manageress as the bombs fell. "If He's up there. Perhaps it's just us, beasts in hell." Ah, so that's why they keep leaving the door off the engine firebox.

McKay can take great satisfaction from how his stylish production looked, particularly given that the huge station — complete with platforms and real trains — was actually a reconstruction, built in an old factory near Birmingham. In such brilliantly creative circumstances, an occasional tendency to look like a series of gloomy "You're Never Alone with a Strand" ads was therefore quite forgivable.

As for the piece itself, I have more reservations. As a thriller, the drama had few new insights to shed on now familiar themes and the over-layer of Zola's bleak pessimism, if anything, made the goings-ons rather less interesting than they otherwise might have been. After all, if we are all beasts with no hope of redemption, who really cares what went on on the 8.30pm from Victoria? Still, it looked great, the steam engines were wonderful and it was a rare hour or so of seriously ambitious television drama. On that basis alone, it deserves commendation.

By contrast, **Dr Finlay** (ITV, Friday) was an hour of seriously unambitious television drama and all the better for it. It was the night before Hogmanay and Arden House was snowed in. The only occupants were Janet and Dr Cameron, who promptly had a heart attack and retired to bed, and Dr Finlay and the glamorous Dr Napier. The big question was would Finlay (David Rintoul) take advantage of the snow, the roaring fires, the lack of beds, finally to propose? You'd get better odds on Zola's hell freezing over than Finlay ever seizing the day. In the end it all came down to dumplings, as life in Tannochbrae so often does.

### BBC1

**7.00am NEWS** (T) (2602897) **7.10** Favourite Songs (r) (7109304) **7.35** The Little Drummer Boy (r) (1814781) **8.00** News (T) **8.10** The Legend of Prince Valiant (7825878) **8.35** Blue Peter (r) (6649410) **9.00** News (T) (3809588) **9.05** Incredible Games (r) (T) (4424304) **9.30** Sweet Valley High (r) (T) (2486217) **9.55** The Foxy Christmas Story (9677491) **10.05** Playdays (2016526) **10.30** The World of Peter Rabbit and Friends (95946)

**11.00 WIPEOUT** New series of the game show, hosted by Paul Daniels (2236)

**11.30 SMILLIE'S LAUGHS** (3965) **WALES:** Animal Sanctuary

**12.00 A SONG FOR CHRISTMAS** The annual festive music competition (26304)

**1.00pm NEWS** (T) (82840762)

**1.05 REGIONAL NEWS** (99315743)

**1.15 NEIGHBOURS** (T) (58809472)

**1.35 CALL MY BLUFF** (21962491)

**2.05 FILM: All I Want for Christmas** Two children want their divorced parents back together for Christmas. With Jamey Sheridan and Harley Jane Kozak. Directed by Robert Lieberman (7224101)

**3.30 THE BUSY WORLD OF RICHARD SCARRY** (1145168) **3.55** The Christmas Zone (2485472) **5.00** Newsround (T) (5857526) **5.10** Blue Peter (T) (8159033)

**5.35 NEIGHBOURS** (r) (T) (505694)

**6.00 NEWS** (T) and weather (934743)

**6.15 REGIONAL NEWS** (962526)

**6.30 ARE YOU BEING SERVED?** The staff are outraged by Young Mr Grace's decision to transfer them to the toy department (r) (T) (946)

**7.00 TELLY ADDICTS** The stars of *EastEnders* and *Emmerdale* put their television knowledge to the test (T) (3507)

**7.30 ANIMAL SANCTUARY** John Craven reports from Kenya on attempts to return an orphaned lion cub to the wild (T) (830) **WALES:** O Little Town of Bethlehem

**8.00 EASTENDERS** Mark receives some unexpected news which throws him into a panic (T) (2255)

**8.30 CHEF!** The Chateau Anglais hosts a society wedding and Gareth falls for an old flame. Last in series (T) (1762)

**9.00 NEWS** (T); regional news and weather (2472)

**9.30 THE THIN BLUE LINE** Fowler ponders a difficult choice — pop the big question to Patricia or go through life as a bachelor. Last in series (T) (27093)

**10.00 THEY THINK IT'S ALL OVER** Gary Lineker and David Gower are joined by Steve Backley and David Baddiel (10255)

**10.30 EURO 96: WHEN FOOTBALL CAME HOME** Desmond Lynam and guests including Terry Venables, Alan Shearer and Frank Skinner, get all nostalgic about England's festival of football (T) (65149)

**11.30 FILMS OF THE YEAR WITH BARRY NORMAN** (T) (421033)

**12.15am PHIL COLLINS BIG BAND** A fly-on-the-wall insight into the life of Phil Collins (T) (124231)

**1.15 UNPLUGGED: PHIL COLLINS** (r) (7314163)

**2.05 WEATHER** (1848386)

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**7.20am FILM: A Farewell to Arms** (b/w, 1932) with Gary Cooper and Helen Hayes. An American lieutenant falls for an English nurse during the First World War. Directed by Frank Borzage (9944120)

**8.40 SEE HEAR!** (r) (T) (7124304)

**9.20 FILM: The Shop Around the Corner** (b/w, 1940) starring James Stewart and Margaret Sullavan. Two antagonistic shop employees are unware that they are, in fact, lonely hearts pen pals. Directed by Ernst Lubitsch (T) (51925168)

**11.00 FILM: In Search of the Castaways** (1962) with Maurice Chevalier and Hayley Mills. Two teenagers travel to South America in search of their father. Directed by Robert Stevenson (T) (84586859)

**12.40pm ON CHRISTMAS EVE** Animated tale (9329168)

**1.05 FILM: Now, Voyager** (1942, b/w) starring Bette Davis. A nervous and frustrated spinster falls for a married man. Directed by Irving Rapper (58355878)

**3.00 THE BIG PICTURE** A report on Yorkshire's popularity as a location for movie-makers (9168)

**3.30 INTERNATIONAL SHOW JUMPING** Highlights from Olympia (6560965)

**4.20 FILM: Easter Parade** (1945) starring Fred Astaire and Judy Garland. Light-hearted musical (78176138)

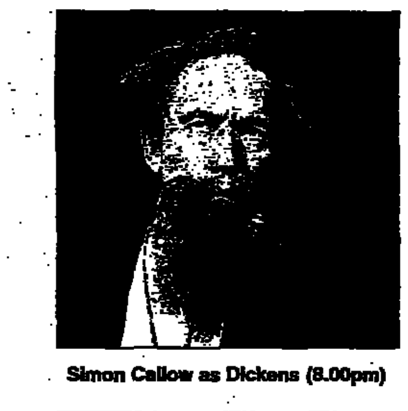
**6.00 SPACE PRECINCT** (T) (930743)

**6.45 GOGS** (540588)

**6.55 AFFAIRS TO REMEMBER** (345120)

**7.00 1914-18: Legacy** Reflecting how the formal ending of the First World War did little to relieve the suffering of millions across Europe. Last in series (136385)

**7.50 A WEEK TO REMEMBER** (b/w) (194743)



Simon Callow as Dickens (8.00pm)

**8.00 AN AUDIENCE WITH CHARLES DICKENS: Sikes and Nancy** First of five programmes with Simon Callow re-enacting the readings given by Charles Dickens from his novels (T) (6287)

**8.30 OPEN RHODES** Gary travels to the Caribbean island of Grenada to find out how the Christmas spices are grown. Last in series (T) (9304)

**9.00 AN EVERYDAY STORY OF COUNTRY LIFE** Documentary marking the centenary of *Country Life* magazine (T) (3151304)

**10.05 FILM: Love Story** (1970) Romantic drama with Ali McGraw and Ryan O'Neal. Directed by Arthur Hiller (T) (102192)

**11.45 FILM: Un Homme et Une Femme** (1966) starring Jean-Louis Trintignant and Anouk Aimée. Oscar winning drama about a romance developing between a widow and a racing driver. Directed by Claude Lelouch. In French with English subtitles (409694)

**1.20am WEATHER** (9228786)

### CHOICE

**An Audience With Charles Dickens**
*BBC2, 8.00pm*

In five programmes spread over the next week Simon Callow recreates what a critic called "the greatest one-man show of the 19th century". Charles Dickens giving readings from his novels. In Dickensian dress and with a wonderfully full beard quivering from his chin Callow is a more than fair lookalike, and to give the project further authenticity the audience also wears period costume. Callow begins with the murder of Nancy by Bill Sikes in *Oliver Twist*. Dickens performed the scene with such intensity that his pulse rate doubled and friends feared for his life. If Callow is never in danger of expiring, he squeezes the piece for the last drop of emotion and as the narrative reaches its dreadful climax has members of the audience covering their faces. Viewers may find themselves taking similar action.

**An Everyday Story of Country Life**
*BBC2, 9.00pm*

A magazine for snobs? "Oh yes — thank God!", says Sir Hardy Amies. A Tory mag? "Of course", admits the editor of *Country Life*, Clive Aslet, though this does not stop him from going to considerable lengths to track down and interview Tony Blair. Auberon Waugh declares that he feels more in touch with England reading *Country Life* than any other magazine. Anne Heseltine reveals that her husband, Michael, devours it in the bath. With quotes like these, Jane Treays's documentary cannot fail. Her portrait of an institution about to celebrate its centenary cleverly allows the material to speak for itself. You cannot help noticing the posh accents and double-barrelled names among the editorial staff. You learn that the readers either live in country houses or dream of doing so. On this evidence Sir Hardy Amies has nothing to worry about.

**Euro 96 — When Football Came Home**
*BBC1, 10.30pm*

England succumbed disappointingly in a penalty shoot-out and the Scots failed to survive the first stage. But Euro 96 was still a great summer festival, producing much memorable football and, thankfully, free of the much-feared crowd trouble. The flavour of the event is recaptured in footage from the matches and the memories of players, managers and fans. Footballers are not always the most articulate analysts of their craft but there are exceptions, such as poor Gareth Southgate who for the umpteenth time relives his crucial penalty miss. Songsmiths Frank Skinner and David Baddiel and Radio 1 DJ Chris Evans are also on hand, and there is a pertinent appraisal of the behaviour of the popular press, which began by rubbishing the England team and ended by licking its boots.

**In the Dark . . . With Julian Clary**
*ITV, 11.25pm*

Julian Clary hosts a pilot game show in which three young couples compete for an all-expenses paid trip to New York. So what's new? The joke is that the contestants have to perform entirely in the dark but, thanks to clever camerawork, we at home can see what they are up to. In one of the games they have to go into a bedroom, put on pyjamas and slippers, get on a water bed and apply face cream. In another they are required to serve a meal of soup, spaghetti and meat balls and jelly and cream. The format may be novel but it is just another way of getting us to laugh at ordinary people making fools of themselves, with the bonus (for Clary fans, at least) of a quip-filled turn from the camp host. The perhaps surprising news is that 19 countries, from Iceland to Japan, have already bought the show. **Peter Waymark**

**6.00am GMTV** (7594965)

**9.25 CAPTAIN SIMIAN AND THE SPACE MONKEYS** (4439236)

**9.50 STEP BY STEP** (2480033)

**10.20 NEWS** (T) (3385946)

**10.25 REGIONAL NEWS** (3384217)

**10.30 FILM: The Brave Little Toaster** (1987) Animated children's adventure about household appliances (23061694)

**12.05pm CARTOON TIME** (2006694)

**12.20 REGIONAL NEWS** (6973471)

**12.30 NEWS** (T) (9310410)

**12.55 CORONATION STREET** (r) (T) (9395101)

**1.25 FILM: Bronco Billy** (1980) Clint Eastwood directs and stars in this comedy about a modern-day cowboy whose Wild West show is thrown into confusion by a spoiled heiress. With Sondra Locke (T) (58362168)

**3.20 NEWS** (T) (7718120)

**3.25 REGIONAL NEWS** (7717491)

**3.30 FILM: Vice Versa** (1988) starring Judge Reinhold and Fred Savage. A father and son undergo a magical body-swap. Directed by Brian Gilbert (T) (146439)

**5.10 DESIGNED BY EMANUEL** (r) (7974033)

**5.40 NEWS** (T) and weather (541007)

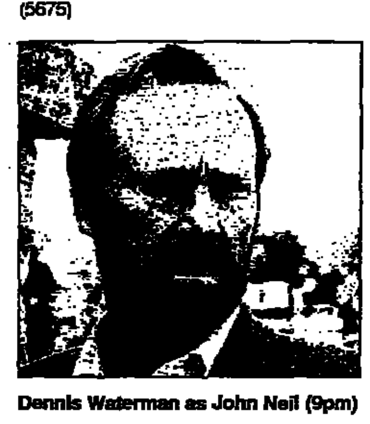
**6.00 HOME AND AWAY SPECIAL** First in a short series of reruns of favourite past episodes (T) (501439)

**6.25 HTV NEWS** (T) (752052)

**7.00 BRUCE'S PRICE IS RIGHT** Last in the series (T) (8675)

**7.30 CORONATION STREET** Vera is awaiting Jack's return from hospital and Don seek solace in a whisky bottle as he surveys his empty life (T) (526)

**8.00 ROLF!** The multi-talented Australian, Rolf Harris, entertains a studio audience (T) (5675)



Dennis Waterman as John Neil (9pm)

**9.00 CIRCLES OF DECEIT** starring Dennis Waterman as world-weary intelligence agent and one-time SAS man John Neil (T) (8762)

**11.00 NEWS** (T) and weather (693269)

**11.15 REGIONAL NEWS** (327168)

**11.25 IN THE DARK WITH JULIAN CLARY** The camp comic hosts a one-off game show (T) (242878)

**11.55 THE BEATLES ANTHOLOGY** (r) (T) (618472)

**12.55am FOOTBALL EXTRA** (6997366)

**1.40 BUSHELL ON THE BOX** (8907569)

**2.20 ENTERTAINMENT 1996** (3574076)

**3.15 CYBER CAFE** (30255)

**3.45 FILM: Great Expectations** (1982) Animated version of Dickens classic tale (341151)

**5.00 THE CHART SHOW** (3460250)

**5.55 NEWS** (1373521)

### CENTRAL

**As HTV West except:**

**12.55pm-1.25 MAKE 'EM LAUGH** (9395101)

**1.25-3.20 Film: BRONCO BILLY** (58362168)

**5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET** (7974033)

**6.25-7.00 CENTRAL NEWS** (752052)

**2.15am Film: FAREWELL TO THE KING** (540144)

**4.05 JONES AND JURY** (26425540)

**4.25 CYBER CAFE** (26403328)

**4.50 FUNNY BUSINESS** (79514989)

**5.20 SOUND BITES** (1650908)

**5.30 JAMES BOND JNR** (1370434)

### WESTCOUNTRY

**As HTV West except:**

**1.25pm-3.20 Film: BRONCO BILLY** (58362168)

**5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY SPECIAL** (7974033)

**6.00-7.00 WESTCOUNTRY LIVE** (17656)

### MERIDIAN

**As HTV West except:**

**12.55-1.25 IT'S A TINY TOONS CHRISTMAS** (9395101)

**1.25-3.20 Film: BRONCO BILLY** (58362168)

**5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY SPECIAL** (7974033)

**6.00 MERIDIAN TONIGHT** (762)

**6.30-7.00 THE PIER** (994)

**11.25-11.55 HOLLYWOOD PETS** (242878)

### ANGLIA

**As HTV West except:**

**12.19 ANGLIA AIR WATCH** (3923156)

**12.55-1.25 CELEBRITY SQUARES** (9395101)

**1.25-3.20 Film: BRONCO BILLY** (58362168)

**5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET** (7974033)

**6.25-7.00 ANGLIA WEATHER AND NEWS** (752052)

**11.25-11.55 HOLLYWOOD PETS** (242878)

### S4C

**Starts: 6.30am TAKE FIVE** (14168)

**7.00 THE GREATEST TUNE ON EARTH** (7101762)

**7.25 THE BABYSITTERS CLUB** (9280520)

**8.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST** (95033)

**10.00 Film: SAVED BY THE BELL: HAWAIIAN STYLE** (86111410)

**11.45 THE PINK PANTHER** (3830584)

**12.00pm RIGHT TO REPLY** (79156)

**12.30 A BOX FULL OF STORIES** (30507)

**1.00 SLOT MEITHRIN** (45526)

**1.30 Film: 20 MILLION MILES TO EARTH** (93694)

**3.00 Film: DINOSAURUS!** (22728)

**4.30 THE LONELY PLANET** (439)

**5.00 5 PUMP** (9781)

**5.30 THE LIVING SEA** (491)

**6.00 NEWYDDION** (460743)

**6.05 HENO** (589217)

**6.35 SION A SIAN** (738656)

**7.00 DG AR DYDDIADUR DU** (7897)

**8.00 BACHA HI O'MA** (5965)

**8.30 NEWYDDION** (4472)

**9.00 BROOKSIDE** (82357101)

**10.35 SGORIO** (878507)

**11.35 ROSEANNE** (108120)

**12.00am WOMEN AT PLAY** (90540)

**12.30 THE AMERICAN FOOTBALL BIG MATCH** (1117540)

**1.50 LUMBERJACKS OK!** (2370057)

### CHANNEL 4

**6.30am TAKE FIVE** (14168)

**7.00 THE GREATEST TUNE ON EARTH** (7101762)

**7.25 THE BABYSITTERS CLUB** (r) (9280520)

**8.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST** (95033)

**10.00 FILM: Saved by the Bell — Hawaiian Style** (1992) With Mark Paul Gosselaar and Tiffani Amber Thiessen. Christmas special as the gang take a holiday in Hawaii (T) (86111410)

**11.45 BACK TO THE FUTURE** (r) (650472)

**12.15pm THE PINK PANTHER** (r) (2084472)

**12.35 JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPION** (2463120)

**1.40 MUNRO** Animation (10791946)

**1.50 A CHRISTMAS CAROL** Oscar-winning version of Dickens's tale featuring the voices of Michael Redgrave and Alastair Sim (r) (21951385)

**2.20 FILM: Blood Alley** (1995) starring John Wayne and Lauren Bacall. Action adventure set in the China seas. Directed by William A. Wellman (T) (12887217)

**4.25 FILM: Trouble Along the Way** (1953) with John Wayne. Comedy about a football coach who takes a job in a religious college to improve his chances of getting custody of his daughter. Directed by Michael Curtiz (17792897)

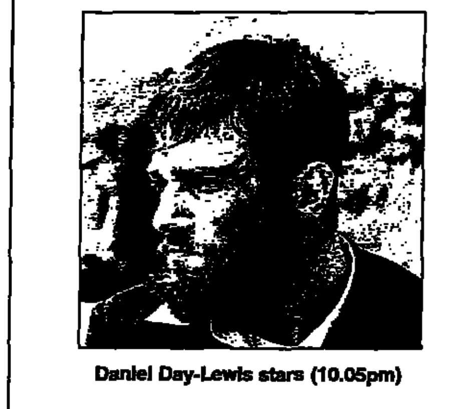
**6.30 HOLLYOAKS** (T) (656)

**7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS** (T) (887507)

**7.55 THE SLOT** (197830)

**8.00 TV DINNERS** In the last of six programmes amateur chefs Tricia Wallace and Alison Haughton search for Caribbean ingredients for a birthday surprise and a Glaswegian docker prepares an anniversary meal. The series resumes in the new year (T) (5965)

**8.30 BROOKSIDE** Tragedy strikes at the Dixons, when their house becomes the target of an arsonist while Jackie Corkhill is staying there (T) (64222168)



Daniel Day-Lewis stars (10.05pm)

**10.05 FILM: My Left Foot** (1989) starring Daniel Day-Lewis, Brenda Fricker and Ray McAnally. Oscar-winning film biography of Irish writer Christy Brown, who was born with cerebral palsy. Directed by Jim Sheridan (T) (588120)

**12.00 LUMBERJACKS OK!** Last in the series about logger sportsmen in the Canadian town of Squamish (90540)

**12.30am THE AMERICAN FOOTBALL BIG MATCH** (1117540)

**1.50 FILM: Love Hurts** (1991) Comedy starring Jeff Daniels as a man who decides to visit his parents after a string of unsuccessful one-night stands. It's his sister's wedding weekend and his estranged wife and daughter are also visiting. Directed by Bud Yorkin (293989)

**3.45 FILM: Checking Out** (1989) starring Jeff Daniels as a man facing up to mortality after his best friend's death. Directed by David Leland (80778)

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### SKY 1

**7.00am** Love Connection (4070575) **7.20** Press Your Luck (4090439) **7.40** Jeopardy! (3217859) **8.10** Hotel (5662656) **9.00** Another World (5505089) **9.45** The Oprah Winfrey Show (7905781) **10.40** Real TV (4835694) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (9457694) **12.00** Geraldo (62120) **1.00pm** The Boy in the Bush (39491) **3.00** Jenny Jones (85507) **4.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (64014) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (2507) **6.00** The Simpsons (2385) **6.30** The Simpsons (6965) **7.00** The Simpsons (3236) **7.30** Supermodels (2149) **8.00** Through the Keyhole (9656) **8.30** Can't Hurry Love (1491) **9.00** The 1996 Billboard Music Awards (11410) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (75781) **12.00** LAPD (10328) **12.30am** Real TV (98250) **1.00** Hit Mix Long Play (92818)

### SKY 2

**7.00pm** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (1053694) **8.00** Water Rats (1038014) **9.00** The Commish (1059878) **10.00** Under Suspicion (1052965) **11.00** Late Show, with David Letterman (1477588) **12.00 FILM: Masquerade** (2879434) **2.00am** Hit Mix Long Play (5125618)

### SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

### SKY MOVIES

**6.00am The Ranger, the Cook and a Hole in the Sky (1995)** (46526) **8.00 Back Home (1990)** (40507) **10.00 War of the Buttons (1994)** (54101) **12.00 The Salzburg Connection (1972)** (23830) **2.00pm The Games (1970)** (22526) **4.00 A Feast at Midnight (1994)** (7439) **6.00 War of the Buttons (1994)** (35491) **7.30 El Features** (7217) **8.00 Rudy (1993)** (14507) **10.00 Dumb and Dumber (1994)** (488658) **11.50 Killer (1994)** (875589) **1.30am Day of Reckoning (1994)** (85811) **3.00 Trapped and Deceived (1994)** (85076) **4.30 The Games (1970)** (54809)

### THE MOVIE CHANNEL

**6.00am It's Great to be Young! U (1956)** (20859) **7.30 The Prince and the Pauper (1972)** (23946) **8.30 Perils of Problemina (1985)** (36588) **10.00 Trapped in Paradise. PG** (52743) **12.00 The Other Woman (1995)** (21472) **2.00pm The Rains Came (1939)** (20168) **4.00 Helen of Troy (1955)** (8781) **6.00 Brothers of the Frontier (1995)** (9044520) **10.00 The Android Affair (1995)** (52168) **11.30 Poetic Justice (1993)** (338472) **1.20am To Die For (1994)** (222386) **3.05 The Illustrated Man (1969)** (227076) **4.50 The Prince and the Pauper (1972)** (9552521)

### SKY MOVIES GOLD

**4.00pm The Muppets Take Manhattan (1984)** (8395052) **6.00 The Railway Children (1970)** (25031052) **7.55 Superman III (1983)** (85674946) **10.00 Suspect (1987)** (89281656) **12.05am White Nights (1985)** (69809724) **2.20 Monterey Pop (1968)** (43784724) **3.40-5.25 A Damsel in Distress (1937)** (6575347)

### THE DISNEY CHANNEL

**Sky Movies Gold takes over at 10pm.**
**6.00am** Muppet Babies (4726965) **6.25** Sing Me a Story, with Belle (4705472) **6.50** Big Garage (1894014) **7.00** Enchanted Tales: Treasure Island (8000875) **7.45** Under the Umbrella Tree (3005323) **8.10** Bonkers (9454472) **8.35** Brand Spanking New Doug (8760472) **9.00** Aladdin (5305014) **9.25** Timon and Pumbaa (3122491) **10.10** Darkwing Duck (4560897) **10.35** Bonkers (1251507) **11.10** Quack Attack (9135878) **11.25** The Small One (9077743) **11.50** Goof Troop (9148168) **12.15pm** Aladdin (3565439) **12.40** Winnie the Pooh and Xmas Too (2646439) **1.30 FILM: Freaky Friday** (13410) **3.00 FILM: Mickey's Christmas Carol** (7516304) **3.25** Bonkers (7535439) **3.50** Mouse Tracks (9695694) **4.15** Darkwing Duck (9251481) **4.40** Goof Troop (2032959) **5.05** Aladdin (7268217) **5.30** Timon and Pumbaa (5410) **6.00** Brand Spanking New Doug (2323) **6.30 FILM: Disney's D2: The Mighty Duck** (75151217) **8.15 FILM: The Shaggy Dog** (920323) **9.45-10.00** Timon and Pumbaa (388878)

### SKY SPORTS 1

**7.00am** World Sport Special (19149) **7.30** Watersports World (78052) **8.30** Racing News (29052) **9.00** World of Speed and Beauty (10304) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (57323) **10.00** Spanish Football League (44859) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (30168) **12.30pm** Football Special (383205) **3.00** Futbol Mundial (3168) **3.30** British Basketball (582385) **6.00** Sports Centre (7439) **6.30** Football: Tartan Extra (5491) **7.00** Live Monday Night Football (3423675) **10.30** Sports Centre (17217) **11.00** Football: Tartan Extra (18859) **11.30** Bushido (14965) **12.30am** Monday Night Football (36163) **2.30-3.00** Sports Centre (51960)

### SKY SPORTS 3

**12.00** World Windsurfing Tour (18806566) **12.30pm** Rebel Sports (43313694) **1.00** Pool: Mosconi Cup (40551976) **4.00** Football League Review (41868507) **6.00** World Windsurfing Tour (83549385) **6.30** Rebel Sports (83563965) **7.00** Sports Centre (41849472) **7.30** World Motor Sport (59654007) **11.30-12.00** Sports Centre (84097385)

### EUROSPORT

**7.30am** Alpine Skiing (58656) **9.00** Motorcycling (73859) **11.00** All Sports (11946) **11.30** Olympic Games (25656) **1.00pm** All Sports (41762) **2.00** Alpine Skiing (61052) **4.00** Touring Car (35526) **5.00** Football (8588) **6.00** All Sports (6507) **6.30** Olympic Games (7859) **7.00** Speedworld (17781) **9.00** All Sports (24410) **9.30** Olympic Games (33743) **10.00** Football (62168) **11.00-12.30am** Golf (87410)

### GRANADA PLUS

**6.00am** The Krypton Factor (6513675) **6.30** Once Upon a Time (29180304) **6.45** Our Backyard (82697697) **7.00** Allsorts (7061472) **7.15** Once Upon a Time (8086052) **7.30** Children's Ward (1071149) **8.00** Classic Coronation Street (1385120) **8.30** The Krypton Factor (1384491) **9.00** Families (1375743) **9.30** Crown Court (5802946) **10.00** Down to Earth (6888762) **10.30** Bless Me Father (1304255) **11.00** Lilie (1080897) **12.00** Classic Coronation Street (1395507) **12.30pm** Up the Garden Path (5806762) **1.00** Crown Court (1051385) **1.30** Families (5805033) **2.00** A Family at War (6889491) **3.00** Bless Me Father (1475743) **3.30** Down to Earth (1275946) **4.00** The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (2925588) **5.00** Lilie (1499323) **6.00** Classic Coronation Street (1284830) **6.30** Families (1288410) **7.00** Please Sir! (1490052) **7.30** Up the Garden Path (1284694) **8.00** Country Matters (8214217) **9.00** Classic Coronation Street (2814472) **9.30** Christmas on the Street (6826526) **10.00-11.00** The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (8237168)
**From 11.00pm-2.00am Men and Motors**

Romance for Cary Grant and Eva Marie Saint (TNT, 9.00pm)

### GRANADA GOOD LIFE

**From 6.00am-9.00 TV High Street.** Includes consumer news and features and Your Stars presented by Russell Grant
**From 9.00-12.00 Food and Wine.** Includes recipes and ideas from Delia Smith
**From 12.00-3.00pm Health and Beauty.** Includes Natural Health
**From 3.00-6.00 Home and Garden.** Includes The Good Life Style Guide

### THE HISTORY CHANNEL

**4.00pm** Biography: Bing Crosby (2672410) **5.00** Mysteries of the Bible (1345439) **6.00** Voices from the Western Front (4818694) **7.00-8.00** Biography: Bing Crosby (6378957)

### THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Films, features and classic series every day from 8pm-4am Monday to Wednesday and 1am-4am Thursday to Sunday on satellite, and from 8am-4am every day on cable
**8.00pm** Master of Fantasy. (1322588) **8.30** The Twilight Zone (1334323) **9.00** Sightings (6367781) **10.00** Nova (6377168) **11.00** Friday the 13th (2677859) **12.00** The Incredible Hulk (6050908) **1.00am** The Twilight Zone (6385724) **1.30** Tales of the Unexpected (6966076) **2.00** New Alfred Hitchcock (3897502) **2.30** Rod Serling's Night Gallery (3816537) **3.00-4.00** Friday the 13th (2805786)

### TLC/DISCOVERY

**9.00am** The Painted House (4477526) **9.30** Craftwise (2744965) **10.00** Simply Delicious Christmas (9022033) **10.30** Craftwise (4466410) **11.00** Toycraft (1148101) **11.30** Christmas Consuming Passions (1149830) **12.00** Gardeners' Diary (4457762) **12.30pm** Christmas Cooking in the Kitchen (2748781) **1.00** Craftwise (1795859) **1.30** Yan Can Cook (2747052) **2.00** Garden Club Christmas Special (7606304) **2.30** Simply Delicious Christmas (8958236) **3.00** Craftwise (7627439) **3.30-4.00** Two's Country Cooking (8953781)
**DISCOVERY takes over at 4.00pm.**
**4.00pm** Fishing Adventures (8949588) **4.30** Roadshow (8938472) **5.00** Time Travellers (7698656) **5.30** Terra X (8952052) **6.00** Untamed Africa (2723472) **7.00** Next Step (7602120) **7.30** Mysterious World (8939101) **8.00** The Conquest of Spain (7628168) **8.30** Wonders of Weather (7607675) **9.00** Trailblazers (1453014) **10.00** Air Power (1458101) **11.00** Speed King (1705236) **12.00** Lotus Elise (8985250) **1.00am** The Extremists (5333096) **1.30-2.00** Special Forces (7793163)

### UK GOLD

**7.00am** Going for Gold (2459491) **7.35** Crossroads (2153830) **8.00** Neighbours (9707410) **8.25** EastEnders (2155304) **9.00** The Bill (4446656) **9.30** Growing Pains (8823491) **10.30** The Sullivans (4475168) **11.00** The Onedin Line (1786101) **12.00** Crossroads (40382217) **12.25pm** Neighbours (6274236) **1.00** EastEnders (1797217) **1.30** The Two Ronnies (3245878) **2.30** After the Show (3021697) **2.40** All Creatures Great and Small (65575101) **4.30** The Bill (8930830) **5.00** EastEnders (6862781) **5.35** Crossroads (6792830) **6.00** Robin's Nest (2118217) **6.35** Porridge (4416946) **7.30** Ever Decreasing Circles (12415694) **9.45 FILM: Ironside** (4744472) **11.45** The Bill (5092385) **12.15am** The Best of Top of the Pops (2020279) **12.45 FILM: Not Now Darling** (6156540) **2.25** Shopping at Night (15955927)

### TCC

**6.00am** Tiny TCC (4715859) **6.20** Brum (4641781) **6.30** Jim Henson's Animal Show (28675) **7.00** The Brave Taylor (34656) **8.00** Eek the Cat (64149) **8.30** Nick and Noel (56120) **9.00** Art Attack (47472) **9.30** Meltdown: No Naked Flames (94491) **10.00** Saved by the Bell (67052) **11.00** Sweet Valley High (60236) **11.30** Hang Time (61955) **12.00** Heartbreak High (74014) **1.00pm** Madison (58304) **1.30** Meltdown: Nine to Five (94878) **2.00** Sweet Valley High (10656) **3.00** California Dreams (65781) **4.00-5.00** Saved by the Bell (51588)

### NICKELODEON

**6.00am** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (65410) **6.30** Biker Mice from Mars (78304) **7.00** Captain Simian and the Space Monkeys (34061) **7.30** Tales from the Cryptkeeper (29526) **8.00** Mighty Max (28323) **8.30** Hey Arnold (27694) **9.00** Rugrats (61830) **10.00** Real Monsters (69656) **10.30** Doug (84030) **11.00** Rocko's Modern Life (17120) **11.30** Pete and Pete (25149) **12.00** The Secret World of Alex Mack (21410) **12.30pm** Ren and Stimpy (59781) **1.00** The Ferals (84502) **1.30** Space Cases (56052) **2.00** Clarissa Explains It All (2875) **2.30** Doug (1052) **3.00** Real Monsters (4410) **3.30** Stickin' Around (3897) **4.00** Bruno the Kid (2304) **4.30** Rugrats (8588) **5.00** Sister Sister (5762) **6.00** Moesha (2781) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (3033)

### PARAMOUNT

**7.00pm** Diff'rent Strokes (6491) **7.30** Benson (9217) **8.00** Due South (45491) **9.00** Almost Perfect (15976) **9.30** Taxi (46217) **10.00** Entertainment UK (39439) **10.30** Girls on Top (15659) **11.00** In Bed, with Me Dinner (65471) **11.30** Nightstand (12507) **12.30am** Sledge Hammer! (47908) **1.00** Due South (42724) **2.00** Entertainment UK (70095) **2.30** In Bed, with Me Dinner (59502) **3.00** Girls on Top (49540) **3.30-4.00** Almost Perfect (73182)

### BRAVO

**12.00** Fantasy Island (2721014) **1.00pm** Remington Steele (2730762) **2.00** Sapphire and Steel (9027588) **3.00** Fantasy Island (1147472) **4.00 FILM: The Tamarind Seed** (7618781) **6.00** Thunderbirds (2750526) **7.00** The Champions (1451656) **8.00** Starsky and Hutch (1460304) **9.00** Crime Story (1480168) **10.00-12.00 FILM: The Hidden II** (1146743)

### UK LIVING

**6.00am** Kilroy (1060323) **7.00** The Agony Experience (1604168) **7.30** The Young and the Restless (3076946) **8.20** Michael Barry's Choice Cuts (1955472) **8.55** Turnabout (8267878) **9.35** Trivial Pursuit (1650502) **10.00** Entertainment Now! (6229033) **10.05** The Jerry Springer Show (1720255) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (1335946) **11.55** Brookside (22050781) **12.25pm** Call the Doctor (40846052) **12.50** Gabrielle (2420101) **1.40** Rolonda (9097014) **2.30** The Agony Experience (2961410) **3.00** Charlie's Angels (5910878) **4.00** Who's Sorry Now? (2952762) **4.30** Talkabout (2119781) **5.05** Lingo (45305588) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (2972526) **6.00** I Dream of Jeannie (2979439) **6.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (4583651) **7.05** Brookside (4895859) **7.35** Trivial Pursuit (4429304) **8.00** General Practice (3781762) **9.00 FILM: Stats** (3791149) **11.00-12.00** The Sex Files II (1680588)

### FAMILY CHANNEL

**5.00pm** Blockbusters (9743) **5.30** Treasure Hunt (68526) **6.30** Catchphrase (6149) **7.00** The Pyramid Game (9507) **7.30** Hart to Hart (71033) **8.30** Only When I Laugh (7762) **9.00** Bergerac (78743) **10.00** Stay Lucky (71630) **11.00** Bagdad Cafe (52217) **11.30** FM (48439) **12.00** Lou Grant (55144) **1.00am** Bergerac (88540) **2.00** Hart to Hart (32434) **3.00** Lou Grant (46724) **4.00** All Together Now (69273) **4.30-5.00** The Black Stallion (8609)

### MTV

**The 24 hour music channel.** Includes news, reviews, live concert footage, interviews and the latest music video charts

### VH-1

**The video hits channel.** Classic rock and pop videos and the best new sounds

### ZEE TV

**7.00am** Jaagran (73569385) **8.00** Life Style East (39921255) **8.30** Community Touch (39920526) **9.00** Gujarati Serial: Val Nu Vatesar (39911878) **9.30** Cinemagic (77341491) **10.00** Urdu Serial: Red Card (74159149) **11.00** Khana Khazana (63964014) **11.30** Parampara (27105217) **12.30pm** Nukkad (77352507) **1.00 Hindi FILM: Narsimha** (61687526) **4.00** BBCD (34406897) **4.30** Hum Panch (34496781) **5.00** ZEE Zone (70134366) **5.30** Teer Kamaan (34486033) **6.00** Usha Uthup Show (34483946) **6.30** ZEE and You (34407526) **7.00** Video Countdown (60306255) **8.00** News; Euronews (18134110) **8.30** Drama: Sailaab (81563149) **9.05-12.00 Hindi FILM: Maidan-E-Jung** (65399946)

### CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

**Continuous cartoons from 5am to 9pm, then TNT films as below.**
**9.00pm North by Northwest (1959)** (12576897) **11.30 MGM: When the Lion Roars** (12558014) **1.30am The Asphalt Jungle (1950)** (29031076) **3.30-5.00 Miracles for Sale (1939)** (72475873)

### PERFORMANCE

**7.00pm** Dance of the Century 1 (3787946) **8.00** Aria (8305439) **8.30** Bolshoi Ballet in the Park (69305762) **10.45** Necessito (4334472) **11.45** Aria (1699255) **12.00-1.00am** John Mayall (6508618)

### CARLTON SELECT

**6.00pm** Blockbusters (41874168) **5.30** All Together Now (83557304) **6.00** Hey Dad (83554217) **6.30** Get Back (83578897) **7.00** Boon (41788120) **8.00** Birds of a Feather (41863052) **8.30** London Bridge (41859859) **9.00** Shine on Harvey Moon (41784304) **10.00** Soldier, Soldier (41787491) **11.00** The Comedy Company (10835255) **11.30-12.00** Get Back

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**TRADING 33**

Wellington in the market for more cash

# BUSINESS

**DIARY 34**

Saatchi loses the taste for pizza party

## Christmas contrasts: lavish rewards for City dealmakers, bleak outlook for the jobless

# Fees smash £1bn barrier

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

FEES earned by the City this year from takeover deals and other mergers will easily top the £1 billion mark for the first time, including bonuses to individual professionals that will create a raft of new millionaires.

The bonanza is set to continue because of the late flurry of takeover bids that will come to fruition in early 1997. Although the total value of takeovers masterminded by the City will not reach the record set in 1995, the complexity of several huge deals this year has sharply boosted their cost.

Last year the City earned £950 million in fees, largesse that was spread around a handful of City professions, most notably bankers and stockbrokers but including lawyers, accountants, public relations executives and other advisers. But this figure will be exceeded easily in 1996, according to Philip Healey, editor of *Acquisitions Monthly*, the specialist publication that produces a regular tally of takeovers and mergers.

Two deals alone, the Granada purchase of Forte for £3.9 billion and the break-up of the Hanson empire, generated some £200 million of fees for the City. The total paid by Granada to its advisers, including heavy underwriting costs, ran to £120 million. Hanson's latest report and accounts includes a bill of £72 million for the demerger in the year to end-September, after £18 million charged for the previous year.

Mr Healey says the value of takeovers completed this year will fall a few billion short of the £68 billion last year. However, in some respects this is an under-estimate because some £10 billion of deals under way will close in January or thereafter. These include the £1.3 billion agreed deal for London Electricity and the £2.1 billion agreed purchase of the ADT empire.

Another close watcher of the volume of deals, KPMG Corporate Finance, is making its own calculations. Stephen Barrett, UK head of mergers and acquisitions, said 1996 had been "an absolutely super year. We're all working at breakneck speed." When KPMG's financial year ended in September, the accountant had registered a 44 per cent increase in income. He also believed that fees had been pushed ahead by the sheer complexity of some of the deals, such as the mergers between Lucas Industries and Varity of the US, and Sun Alliance and Royal Insurance.

One result of the flood of deals has been the need to lock in key staff by paying them huge bonuses. The big American investment banks have traditionally led the way. But they have been followed by other overseas banks, such as Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, that have been keen to establish a presence in London.

But several key City figures have sounded warnings that escalating City salaries bring their own dangers. Sir Andrew Large, chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, has said greed could lead to more Nick Leeson-type scandals, while Rudi Mueller, London chief for the Union Bank of Switzerland, has said any downturn would see worse City job losses than previously experienced.

## Bonuses that say thanks a million

By Jon Ashworth

ALL this frantic deal-making has spawned a healthy round of Christmas bonuses in the City, with some individuals looking to triple base salaries. A reputed £750 million is being shared among brokers and bankers, although firms are reluctant to give details.

Star performers this year include Goldman Sachs, which is reportedly paying individual $1 million bonuses to more than 100 employees in its London office. The reports are understood to be wrong, although a few individuals will earn bonuses approaching these levels. Goldman Sachs does not comment on matters of remuneration.

Guaranteed bonuses are featuring increasingly in the poaching of senior executives. Bill Harrison, former head of investment banking at Robert Fleming, is to receive a guaranteed minimum bonus of £1.25 million for signing up as chief executive of Barclays de Zoete Wedd (BZW). Swiss Bank Corporation recently set aside £70 million to reward executives and senior traders.

Ronnie Fox, a City lawyer specialising in remuneration, said that bonuses had been "very patchy", with some people doing exceptionally well, others receiving very little. British firms favour relatively low salaries coupled with large bonus elements, unlike the rest of Europe where high fixed salaries are the norm.

Not everyone will receive their windfalls in time for Christmas. Bonuses at Merrill Lynch are not due to be paid until the end of January. A spokesman said that bonus levels would be announced internally early in the new year.

# TUC reveals the plight of the 'forgotten army'

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

DESPITE four years of falling unemployment, there remains a "forgotten army" of 750,000 long-term unemployed — people out of work for more than 12 months.

The figure emerges from research published today by the TUC, which calls for action to tackle Britain's "stubbornly high" hard core of permanent jobless. Even though the total count of the unemployed dropped below the two million mark for the first time for almost six years last week, the TUC says that many of these are facing their second Christmas without a job.

In the study, *Forgotten at Christmas*, the unions say that, despite the overall fall in unemployment, the proportion of those who are long-term unemployed remains high, falling only half a percentage point between October 1993 and October 1996 — from 38.3 per cent of the total to 37.8 per cent.

A number of factors are involved, including geographical location, former occupation and age.

While just under a third of all long-term unemployed live in London and the South East, other areas with high numbers include the North West, the West Midlands, and Yorkshire and Humberside. Within those regions, some areas have even higher levels. The London borough of Hackney has 52 per cent of its jobless classified as long term.

Long-term unemployment affects twice as many manual workers as white-collar staff, the unions' analysis shows. The TUC says these figures illustrate the impact of the recession of the early 1990s.

By age, long-term unemployment affects two age bands in particular — the young, with more than a quarter of all unemployed 18 to 24-year-olds counted as long-term unemployed, and the old, with 16 per cent of the 50-plus category.

When people move out of long-term unemployment and into work, they are likely to take jobs that are temporary, part-time or both — and more than half lose their jobs again within 12 months.

The TUC urges the adoption of quality training programmes and long-term work placements. John Monks, TUC General Secretary, says: "We are in danger of forgetting the unemployed, or worse, blaming them for their misery, when what they want is secure, well-paid work.

"Britain's unemployed still face a severe shortage of jobs, a skills mismatch and shocking pockets of poverty around the country."

# Northern poised to appeal over extension of CE bid

By Martin Waller

IN the last skirmish of one of the most extraordinary City takeover battles ever seen, Northern Electric will this morning mount a last-ditch attempt to avoid defeat by CE Electric of the US by appealing to the Takeover Panel.

The £782 million bid formally closed on Friday with a narrow defeat for CE, but a midnight ruling by the panel gave the Americans and their advisers until lunchtime tomorrow to gather the acceptances necessary for victory.

As a result, CE, which on Friday announced that it had 49.77 per cent of its quarry, 300,000 shares short of the required 50 per cent, said over the weekend that the total had reached 50.03 per cent.

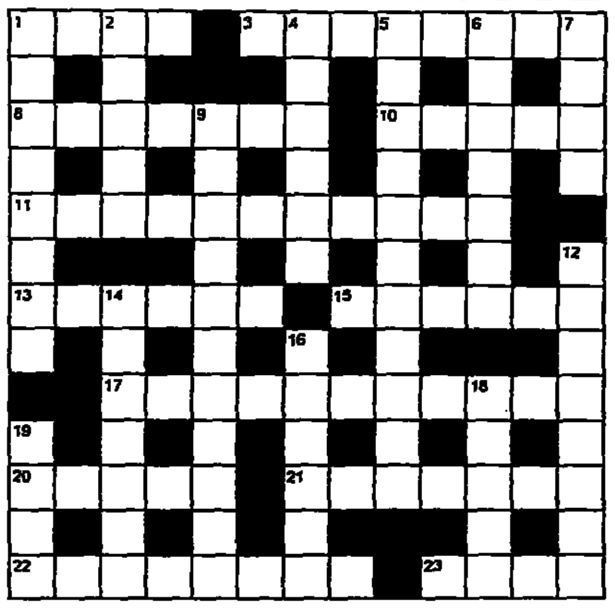
Even if no further acceptances arrive, this would allow the Americans to clinch the takeover, assuming no acceptances are revoked. However, Northern was meeting last night in preparation for an expected appeal to the panel, which governs the conduct of takeover bids. Its adviser, Barclays de Zoete Wedd, may make a similar appeal.

The panel has given no formal reason for extending the offer, but it is thought to relate to a £250,000 bonus payment to BZW sanctioned by Northern's board last week. BZW was unavailable for comment last night, but is reported to have denied any wrongdoing.

The extension required the panel's blessing if the further acceptances were to be counted, and Northern is likely to argue that they should not be, or that the extension should not be allowed at all.

Whatever the outcome — and a CE victory seems the most likely — the affair will certainly lead to pressure for changes to City takeover rules.

## TIMES TWO CROSSWORD



### No 972

ACROSS
1 Thick, flat block (4)
3 Plantagenet —, Trollope's PM (8)
8 Important (7); incompetent (3,4)
10 Fabric with design (5)
11 Not warranted (8-3)
13 Foreigner as home help (2,4)
15 Take-off strip (6)
17 One pushing in out of turn (5-6)
20 Conscious (of) (5)
21 All the time the sun is up (7)
22 Tolerance; distance from equator (8)
23 Blood vessel (4)

DOWN
1 Unusual; a verb number (*grammar*) (8)
2 Mexican pyramid-builder (5)
4 Advanced GCE exam (1,5)
5 Most comfortable living conditions (3,2,6)
6 On which US down-and-outs are (4,3)
7 Meaningless repetition (4)
9 Aggressively hostile (11)
12 Lightest element (8)
14 Sharply stimulating (7)
16 Flexed (knee) (6)
18 Rise before baking; verify (5)
19 Loose scrum (4)

**SOLUTION TO NO 971**

ACROSS: 1 Go places 7 Bimbo 8 Bastinado 9 Get 10 Oxen 11 Clique 13 Candid 14 Deacon 17 Cancel 18 Snip 20 Fee 22 Tied house 23 Shady 24 Hen party

DOWN: 1 Gobbo 2 Pastern 3 Axis 4 Enable 5 Image 6 Pontoon 7 Bouquet 12 Dignity 13 Confuse 15 Conquer 16 Secede 17 Cedar 19 Piety 21 Chap

**SOLUTION TO THE TIMES TWO CHRISTMAS JUMBO**

ACROSS: 1 Shandy 4 Laughing up one's sleeve 6 Intergovernmental 17 Chronicle 18 Rebuilt 19 Granary 20 Not up to much 21 Wrongdoer 22 Climbers 23 Bludgeon 26 Sort out the men from the boys 30 Papaw 32 Mapping 34 Assured 36 Rally 37 Emigrator 39 Tweed suit 41 Tramcar 42 Teacher 43 Ineptness 44 Nth degree 45 Melon 46 Overtax 48 Statute 50 Sinai 51 Steps in the right direction 57 Oriental 58 Mittened 59 Scrap iron 62 Rectangular 64 Treadle 66 Mycosis 67 Torridest 68 Trooping the Colour 69 Percussion instrument 70 Esteem

DOWN: 1 Skid Row 2 Autobiographically 3 Derring-do 5 Avenger 6 Genoa 7 Iteration 8 Gettysburg address 9 Palindromes 10 Nicety 11 Strip club 12 Lento 13 Excluded 14 Elephant 15 Post-mortem 22 Committee 24 Daydreamers 25 Sharp-tongued 26 Suppertime 27 Hyperkinesis (-ia) 28 Electron microscope 29 Tyrrhenian 31 Worthington 33 Great Expectations 35 Ditch 38 Torso 40 Unscathed 47 Tutti-frutti 49 Ear trumpet 52 Playgoers 53 Innkeeper 54 Capacious 55 Doorstep 56 Sincerer 59 Sweeten 60 Nostrum 61 Blotto 63 Adieu 65 Denim

## Go east for all the best breaks

THOSE not satisfied with the virtual two-week shutdown for the festive season in Britain this year might consider moving to Hong Kong, Indonesia, or even Mongolia. All three do significantly better when it comes to official days off (Martin Waller writes).

Select Appointments, the staffing services specialist, has made comparisons of time off as part of a review of world employment trends, particularly during the Christmas period. Hong Kong does well during the year as a whole with a total of 17 national holidays: links with Britain bring in two days for the Queen's official birthday and the usual Easter and new year breaks, and there are various Chinese festival days.

Indonesia, with four indigenous religions, has five separate festivals to choose from between this month and next May. Mongolia has eight public holidays, but not one falls anywhere near our traditional festive season.

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Sandy Lane, Barbados, where rooms cost up to $2,000

## Granada sells hotel

A CONSORTIUM led by Dermott Desmond, the Irish investor who owns London City Airport, yesterday clinched the £38 million purchase of the Sandy Lane Hotel in Barbados from Granada. The Sandy Lane, with a book value of £26.6 million, is one of the most expensive hotels in the world charging up to $2,000 a night. The consortium is expected to upgrade the hotel's 120 rooms and 18-hole golf course. Granada has now sold three hotels from the Exclusive portfolio for a total of £228 million.

## NatWest suspends 18 staff

By Our City Staff

NATWEST has suspended 18 staff at the bank's insurance offshoot over allegations of trying to cash in illegally on next summer's stock market flotation of Norwich Union.

The suspensions stem from an internal investigation after possible irregularities emerged at the time of the flotation announcement on October 2, Martin Gray, chief executive of NatWest UK, said last night.

The Bank of England, the regulatory Personal Investment Authority and Norwich Union had been kept informed of the actions taken.

It is suspected that the NatWest Insurance Services employees sold themselves Norwich Union policies after the flotation was announced and backdated the forms to be eligible for windfall bonuses expected to be worth a minimum £500 each.

Mr Gray insisted that senior staff, including himself, had been kept abreast of the original findings and subsequent investigations and he denied reports of a management cover-up attempt.

## Labour highlights the domestic angle

THREE million children face Christmas in a household where no one has a job, says the Labour Party, a figure that has risen 400,000, or 15 per cent, since the last general election (Philip Bassett writes).

Government ministers believe that people will realise the extent of economic improvement in Britain ahead of the general election, and this will be reflected in their votes.

But Labour will today emphasise the continuing impact of unemployment, using figures such as the rising number of children in jobless households. Using figures compiled by the independent House of Commons library drawn from the Government's quarterly Labour Force Survey of a sample of 60,000 households, Peter Hain, Labour's employment spokesman, says up to 1.5 million jobless people have children, up 200,000 since the 1992 election.

At more than half a million, the total of jobless two-parent households has barely declined in the period, Labour says, while the number of jobless one-parent homes has risen 220,000 to almost one million.

Labour wants a national childcare strategy, a more flexible benefit system, improved skills and training opportunities and reform of the Child Support Agency.

## Alcoholic slush puppies on the heels of alcopops

By Alasdair Murray

ALCOHOLIC slush puppies, iced fruit drinks with an added kick, are set to be the latest drinking fad as the brewing and spirits companies seek to capitalise on the current craze for alcopops.

The frozen drinks, sold in a pouch with a straw, have proved popular in the US and are being test marketed in the UK by drinks companies such as Whitbread and Grand Metropolitan. GrandMet recently launched Smirnoff Kosmir, a vodka-based frozen drink that the company says is aimed at the nightclub market.

But the company is adopting a cautious marketing strategy anxious to avoid accusations — levelled at many of the alcopop brands — that the drinks are targeted especially at underage consumers. Steve Wilson, brand development manager at International Distillers and Vintners, said that the packaging on Smirnoff Kosmir will be exactly the same as on a standard bottle of Smirnoff and that the new drink had already been vetted by the Portman Group, the industry's self-regulating body.

The drinks companies have accelerated new brand development after being caught out by the sudden surge in popularity for alcopops such as Two Dogs and Hooper's Hooch. Mr Wilson said: "Alcopops jump-started the market and made the drinks companies realise that they needed to make conventional spirits more exciting to appeal to younger consumers."

GrandMet is also experimenting with "shooters", single-shot cocktails that have proved popular in the US under the TGI Friday brand label. In the UK, the drinks are being tested as "New York Shots" with a mixture of flavours available. They include Blackhorse, which contains blackberry, cinnamon and peppermint. The number of ready-mixed spirits drinks on the market is also likely to rise over the year.

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